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BIAS BAY AGAIN.

Another British Steamer Pirated.

BOARDED AT SWATOW.

Foreign Passengers Arrive Here Safely.

The latest victim of the Bias Bay pirates is the Indo-China Navigation steamer "Yatshing"—the first British vessel to be pirated since the British Navy's raid on Bias Bay, following the piracy of the "Hopsang."

The piracy occurred on Tuesday morning two hours out of Swatow as the steamer was on its way to Shanghai from Hong Kong, the pirates boarding as passengers at Swatow.

It remains now to be seen whether the threat issued by the British authorities in the form of pamphlets on the occasion of the last raid, that similar measures would be taken again in the event of the piracy of a British ship, will be put into execution.

The "Yatshing" left Hong Kong on Sunday with three European and five Chinese passengers. The Europeans were Mr. and Mrs. Brown (of the Naval Yard) and Mr. McKie (an officer of the Indo-China S. N. Company). All are now safe in Hong Kong. Arriving at Swatow on Monday, additional cargo of 1,000 tons and 150 Chinese deck passengers, also a Japanese lady and two children, were taken on board.

Officers Surprised.
The capture of the ship took place in broad daylight—at 9 a.m. on Tuesday morning, shortly after the "Yatshing" had left Swatow. The 2nd officer, who was on the bridge at the time, was surrounded by eight armed men. Others of the gang (which numbered about twenty) surprised the remainder of the officers in various parts of the ship and marshalled them in the saloon where and armed guard was posted.

The 2nd Officer was forced to turn the ship round and steer for Chinglung Point, Bias Bay, his instructions—given through the medium of the quartermaster who was forced to act as the pirates' interpreter—being that no signals must be exchanged with passing ships on pain of death and that were signals made regarding the "Yatshing's" change in course, the reply was to be that the vessel was returning to Hong Kong, having developed boiler trouble.

Several ships passed a considerable distance away whilst the "Yatshing" was on the way to Bias Bay but no signals were exchanged. The master had been made to join the 2nd Officer on the bridge and the two were allowed to sleep on the bridge on camp beds during Tuesday night as the ship lay at anchor off Hong Hai Bay.

Passing Steamers.
The two officers were awakened at 4 a.m. yesterday by the pirates pointing out that several vessels were approaching. The officers saw that the ships were not coming in their direction and assured the pirates that they would not pass close to them.

Shortly after 5.30 a.m. the anchor was taken up and the steamer moved to about a quarter of a mile from Sam Chau inlet. The pirates' booty, consisting of over \$1,000 taken from the comrade and valuables from the Chinese passenger amounting to several thousands of dollars was taken off in the ships' lifeboats, together with a large quantity of provision from the steward's stores.

Eight Chinese deck passengers were kidnapped, the master of the "Yatshing" also being made to accompany the pirates and their prisoners ashore but being allowed the return.

The "Yatshing" left Bias Bay at 11 a.m. yesterday and arrived in Hong Kong at 6 p.m.

The "Yatshing" is a steel screw steamer of 2,284 tons gross and carries six European officers and a Chinese crew of eighty.

Her officers are:
Captain: Mr. G. H. Hodgson.
First Officer: Mr. J. R. Middleton.
Second Officer: Mr. C. Harris.
Chief Engineer: Mr. A. Livingston.
Second Engineer: Mr. A. Glass.
Third Engineer: Mr. E. Granger.

COLONY'S CRIME.

Report of Captain Supt. of Police.

INCREASE IN OFFENCES.

Twenty-Seven Murders Committed During 1926.

The report of the Captain Superintendent of Police for 1926 shows, at first sight, a very large increase in crime. In some branches, however, there was a distinct decrease.

The total number of cases reported to the Police during the year 1926 was 20,048 as against 16,783 in 1925 being an increase of 3,265 or 19.4 per cent. The average for the last five years is 16,508. There were 4,370 serious cases in 1926 as against 3,771 serious cases in 1925, an increase of 599 cases or 15.8 per cent. There were 15,678 minor cases in 1926 as against 13,012 in 1925 an increase of 2,666 or 20.4 per cent.

The following table shows the serious offences for 1925 and 1926:

	1925	1926
Burglary	53	58
House and Godown Breaking	71	75
Larceny	2,155	2,066
Larceny in Dwelling		
House	504	498
Larceny on Ships		
and Wharf	99	140
Manslaughter	8	3
Murder	27	28
Attempted Murder	2	10
Robbery and Assault with intent to Rob	121	170
Other serious Offences not classified above	673	728

Four charges of manslaughter were not proceeded with. At subsequent inquests verdicts of accidental death were returned. Other serious offences not specially classified above are as follows:

	1925	1926
Part Cutting and Wounding	5	24
Part Demanding money with Menaces	10	15
Part Forgery	19	17
Part Indecent Assault	5	1
Part Arson and Attempted Arson	1	5
Part Rape or Attempted Rape	1	4
Part Aiding and Abetting to Rape	0	1
Part Possession and Uttering Forged Banknotes	16	11
Part Falsification of Accounts	0	1
Part Conspiracy	10	2
Part Aiding and Abetting to Rob	2	1
Part Aiding and Abetting to Murder	1	0
Part Child Stealing	0	1
Part Perjury	3	1
Part Wounding and Causing Bodily Harm	15	13
Part Piracy	2	3
Part Bribery	25	0
Part Shooting with Intent	6	0
Part Explosive, possession of	2	0
Part Poison, possession of	1	0
Part Administering Poison	1	0
Part Attempted to fraud	5	0
Part Possession of Offensive Weapons	13	0
Part Unlawful Society	2	0
Part Taking Designation of Police	2	0
Part Falsely Force	1	0
Part Immigrancy by Force	1	0
Part Seditious Documents	3	20
Part Bombs, possession of	2	0
Part Bombs, Outrage	1	5
Part Border Outrage	0	30

Four cases of manslaughter against licensed motor-drivers were withdrawn by Police after a Coroner's Jury had brought in a verdict of "Accidental Death."

Crime connected with political affairs showed a big decrease. Agitators appeared to have found Hong Kong an unremunerative field for their activities. A large number of Chinese who obeyed the strike and boycott call of June 1925, drifted back to Hong Kong during 1926. Consequently unemployment was partly responsible for the increase in crime over 1925 figures. Another factor in

CANADA BOUND.

Britons' Trans-Atlantic Flight.

A LADY PASSENGER.

Plane Seen Flying Strongly Over Ireland.

London, Yesterday.
The British airmen, Colonel Minchin and Captain Leslie Hamilton, accompanied by Princess Loewenstein Wertheim, left Upavon in Wiltshire at half past seven this morning in a Fokker monoplane, "Saint Raphael" on an attempt to fly across the Atlantic to Ottawa. At ten minutes past twelve this afternoon they passed over Inverness, County Galway, on the west coast of Ireland, flying at a height of 900 feet. The weather off the Irish coast was foggy at the time. East to west the flight across the Atlantic has not yet been accomplished, and weather conditions obviously render it more difficult and hazardous than going from west to east.

Princess Loewenstein Wertheim is the first woman to attempt to fly the Atlantic. She is an Englishwoman by birth, being the daughter of the fourth Earl of Melbourne, her maiden name being Lady Anne Savile. She married in 1897, the German Prince Loewenstein Wertheim, who was killed after two years fighting for the Spaniards against the Americans in the Philippines. In 1918 she became a British subject again. The Princess is an intrepid aviator. She learned to fly before the war and has had many adventures in the air. In 1923 she entered a machine in the race for the King's Cup and herself accompanied the pilot in a circular air tour of Britain.

Colonel Minchin, who is an Imperial Airways pilot, has several notable achievements to his credit. A little over a year ago he made a flight from London to Egypt in three days. Captain Leslie Hamilton is known as the "sky taxman" and "aerial gipsy." He has had many thrilling experiences. He returned to England last April after having flown 17,000 miles in three months in various parts of Europe. During his career he has flown over 3,000 hours and covered a quarter of a million miles.

Before the departure from Upavon, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Cardiff, assisted by priests standing under the golden wings of the aeroplane, conducted a short religious service. The Princess is a Roman Catholic. Afterwards the Archbishop gave his blessing to the hazardous journey and sprinkled the aeroplane with holy water. The Princess, just before taking her seat, knelt before the Archbishop, kissed his episcopal ring and received the final benediction.

London, Yesterday.
The Fokker monoplane "Saint Raphael," piloted by Colonel F. F. Minchin, and accompanied by Capt. Leslie Hamilton and Princess Loewenstein Wertheim, left Upavon Aerodrome this morning for Ottawa. Princess Loewenstein Wertheim is the first woman to participate in an Atlantic flight.

She arrived at Upavon at dawn in a motor-car accompanied by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Cardiff and two priests who blessed the aeroplane before the start. They also blessed the Princess. The latter was dressed in a purple leather flying suit and wore silk stockings and high-heeled furnished boots. Her luggage consisted of two attache cases and a hat box. The machine carries 800 gallons of petrol and two days' food supplies of emergency rations.

Mr. Charles Levine has announced that if Minchin succeeds in crossing the Atlantic, he will alter his plans and attempt to break the long-distance endurance record by flying eastward.

THE WORLD FLIGHT.

At Constantinople.

Constantinople, Yesterday.
The "Pride of Detroit" has arrived. Hundreds of spectators in Galway Bay cheered Minchin's departure from Europe on his passing across the Atlantic towards the Atlantic.

Heid Up.
The airmen are losing a day on schedule owing to the authorities forbidding the immediate resumption of the flight pending the completion of formalities. They hope to resume to-morrow.

The increase was the resumption of communications in October, which gave increased facilities for the ingress and egress of criminals domiciled in Chinese territory.

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HEAVY FIGHTING.

Northerners Again Cross the Yangtze.

SOUTHERN REINFORCEMENTS.

30,000 Northerners At Mouth Of Grand Canal.

Hankow, Yesterday.
Troop movements down river continues.—British Naval Wireless.

A Demonstration.
Wuhu, Yesterday.
General Hsia Tau-yin held an anti-Communist and anti-Northern demonstration yesterday.

A battery of small guns is reported to have been placed on Wuhu Rock beacon.—British Naval Wireless.

Another Crossing.
Nanking, Yesterday.
The Northerners have apparently crossed and hold the south bank of the river.

OUR \$50 PRIZE.
Cross-Word Puzzle Competition Result.

The result of the "China Mail's" seventeenth and final \$50 Cross-Word Puzzle (Second Series) will be found on page 6 of this issue. This week there are three winners with correct solutions.

bank of the river from Wulungshan to Morrison Point, whilst they have cut the railway.

Battle at Lungtan.
Chinkiang, Yesterday.
Small numbers of Southern troops are still in the city.

The Northerners are reported to have 30,000 troops at the mouth of the Grand Canal, ready to cross to the south bank.

There has been some heavy fighting at Lungtan. The Southern forces are mounting field guns at Faoakishan and also on the city wall.

Reinforcements have been sent to Lungtan by rail.—British Naval Wireless.

Warning to Shipping.
Shanghai, Yesterday.
General Pai Chung-hsi has requested ships to avoid the vicinity of Kiang Yin and Wusung due to the danger of their coming under fire. The shipping companies, it is reported, have also been warned.

Sailings on the Yangtze have been prohibited for a similar reason, with a threat of martial law if the order is not complied with.

The Lungtan Battle.
There is no progress in the fighting at Lungtan. The Northerners are being reinforced.

"Cockchafer" Incident.
A convoy bound down the Yangtze River having been heavily fired upon by Chinese from Morrison Point, the British gunboat "Cockchafer" returned the fire. She was hit by one shell which, however, caused only superficial damage. One seaman was slightly wounded.—British Wireless Service.

The Tonnage Surtax.
Shanghai, Yesterday.
It is officially announced that the tonnage surtax will be rescinded from to-morrow.—Reuter.

Warship Canteens.
London, Tuesday.
The Navy and Army Air Force Institutes have offered the admiralty to take over the running of all canteens of warships on the China Station. The matter has been referred to the Commander-in-Chief in the Far East for his decision.—Reuter.

Combining Trooping Season.
Shanghai, Yesterday.
It is officially announced that in pursuance of the policy of the gradual reduction of the British forces from Shanghai the following units will be withdrawn in the coming trooping season:

1st Field Brigade Royal Artillery Headquarters, 15th Infantry Brigade; 1st Batt. Green Howards; 1st Batt. Borderers; 1st Batt. Middlesex; 1st Devon.

As a result of this the British Garrison in Shanghai, during the coming winter, will consist of the 2nd Batt. Coldstream Guards; 2nd Batt. Suffolks; 1st Batt. Bedford and Hertfordshire Regiments, two replacing battalions from Hong Kong and 5th Armour-Car Co. and Tank Corps.—Reuter.

CHAIWAN MURDER.

Husband And Lodger Give Evidence.

THE FORGED NOTES.

Engineer's Story Of Finding The Dead Woman.

Further evidence was taken by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, when hearing was resumed of the case in which two Chinese are charged with the murder of Mrs. Rose Mackay on the Chaiwan Road in the evening of August 6 last.

The first witness called to-day was Mr. David Heaton Davidson, a former ship's engineer of the China Navigation Company, at present unemployed. He said that he had lived with the Mackays at Blackhead, Taikeo Docks, for about two months.

About China New Year this year, the witness remembered visiting the Mackays at their house and on that occasion Mrs. Mackay showed the witness two \$1 notes of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. When the witness compared those with another note he discovered that they were forgeries. He handed them to Mrs. Mackay, and thought she put the notes in her handbag. When the witness saw them the notes were intact.

The witness had been paying for his board during the time he lived with the Mackays. The last time he paid money to Mrs. Mackay was the last Friday of July (29). He then gave her \$56 composed of five \$10, one \$5 and one \$1 notes. He thought she put the money in her handbag but was not sure as he walked away immediately after handing the money to her.

Engineer's Discovery.
On Friday, August 5, Mrs. Mackay left the house at 8 p.m. to go up town to do some shopping at the Wing On Company and returned home about 8 p.m. Once or twice previously the witness had been to Wing On's with Mrs. Mackay and knew that she was a customer there.

Proceeding, the witness said that about 8 p.m., the following day (August 6) he was sitting in the Mackay's house when Mrs. Mackay's nephew, Walter Eckert, came running in and made a report. In consequence of that report the witness went with Walter to the Chaiwan Road. They proceeded to the place partly by tram and partly on foot.

By the Magistrate: In the house at the time were Mr. Mackay, Miss Kathleen Mackay and Mr. Ware.

Continuing his evidence, the witness said that he found Mrs. Mackay about 112 yards from the end of the Chaiwan Road. She was in a sitting position propped up against the bank. She was already dead and the body was getting cold.

One Shoe Off.
Asked what he noticed about the body, the witness said that one of Mrs. Mackay's shoes was off, and she had blood stains on the left breast, chest and abdomen. The witness shifted the deceased from the sitting position and made her lay flat across the road with a basket under her head. The basket the witness found near Mrs. Mackay's body. Then the witness waited for the arrival of the police. Mr. Mackay and Mr. Ware arrived in a car about the same time as the police.

By Mr. Whyte-Smith: Mrs. Mackay's handbag was found lying beside the body when the witness first came on the scene. Mr. Alfred Richard Osborne said he was a timekeeper at Taikeo Docks and lived next door to the Mackays. About 8 p.m., on August 6, Miss Mackay came to his house and told him something as the result of which the witness went to the Shaukiwan Police Station and made a report there.

Husband's Evidence.
The next witness was the unfortunate woman's husband, Mr. Charles Mackay. He said that his wife left the house on the evening of August 6 but he did not know where she went to. He corroborated Mr. Davidson's statement about the report made by Walter Eckert.

Answering Mr. Whyte-Smith, the witness said he could not tell how much money Mrs. Mackay took with her in leaving the house, but he could speak about the jewellery she wore. Usually, witness said, Mrs. Mackay wore three rings, a diamond engagement ring and a wedding ring on the left hand, and other ring which she had got in England, on the right hand. The engagement ring was a little loose.

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Replying to further questions, the witness said that Mrs. Mackay often visited the Barkers at Chaiwan Bay—about once or twice a week. In the forenoon of August 7 the witness went to the public mortuary and there identified the body of his wife in the presence of the medical officer and a police inspector.

Only Found \$50.
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LESS SPENDING.

Colony's Expenditure In 1926.

LESS BY \$131,457.

Not So Much Money For Public Works.

A useful document was tabled at this afternoon's meeting of the Hong Kong Legislative Council showing differences between the Colony's expenditure estimates for 1927 and 1926. It is seen that the latter figures represent a decrease of \$131,457, compared with those for 1927.

Increases for 1926 are shown under the following heads:—
New Posts \$208,438.

Stipulated increments \$198,381.
Increase of Salaries \$3,775.
Posts previous omitted from Estimates \$20,400.

Acting Pay \$18,552.
Temporary Posts \$1,476.
Personal and Charge Allowances \$7,358.

Good Conduct Allowances \$7,810.
Language and Shorthand Allowances \$5,384.

Field and Overtime Allowances \$8,042.
Rent Allowances \$6,510.

Other Charges \$238,326.
Special Expenditure \$320,489.
Public Works Recurrent \$69,760.

Military Contribution \$130,638.
Miscellaneous Services \$247,181.

Public Debt \$29,145.
Pensions \$158,076.

These give a total increase for 1926 of \$1,724,076. Against this figure are to be placed the following decreases:—

Abolition of Posts \$79,519.
Vacant Posts \$46,445.
Reduction in new appointments \$104,544.

Personal and Special Allowances \$16,718.
Separation Allowances \$1,200.

Good Conduct Allowances \$900.
Overtime Allowances \$5,203.
Rent Allowances \$4,224.

Other Charges \$150,610.
Special Expenditure \$165,920.
Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve \$40,000.

Public Works Extraordinary \$1,239,100.
Charitable Services 1,851.

The decrease amounts to \$1,955,338, leaving a net decrease, as stated above, of \$131,457.

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A HEALTHY YEAR.

Hong Kong Medical Report Issued.

NO EPIDEMICS.

858,000 Chinese Against 16,500 Others In The Colony.

Very interesting facts of local importance are given in the medical report on Hong Kong for 1926, issued at to-day's meeting of the Legislative Council.

It is shown that the population of the Colony is estimated to be:—
British and foreign civil-
ians 16,500
Chinese civilians 857,920
Total number of Chinese
births registered 2,022
Total number of non-
Chinese births 168

The general birth rate for the civil population is said to be 4.5 and that of the Chinese 4.18 per 1000. From the nature of the case it is practically impossible to arrive at a correct estimate of the Chinese birth rate.

The total number of deaths was 12,515 and the general civilian death rate was 15.9 per 1,000. Of this total there were 12,336 Chinese and 180 non-Chinese civilians and the death rate was respectively 16.01 and 10.9 per 1,000.

Infantile Mortality.
Among infants of one month or less, 12 non-Chinese and 829 Chinese died. Of those infants who were more than a month old but less than a year, 15 non-Chinese and 3,409 Chinese died. The total number of children who died at the age of a year or less was therefore 27 non-Chinese and 4,238 Chinese. These figures are derived from reliable statistics because the registration of deaths is compulsory, but as births are not registered in every case the Chinese birth rate given above is not accurate. (These statistics are derived from the Medical Officer of Health's office.)

Disease Incidence.
The Colony was free from epidemic disease during the year 1926. There were a few sporadic cases of small-pox during the first seven months of the year, the total number of cases being 49 of which only 32 were of local origin.

European Civil Service.—The total number of Europeans of the Civil Service invalided was 7 or roughly 79 per cent.

The total number of deaths of Europeans in the Civil Service was 5 a rate of 56 per cent.

Plague and Cholera.—There were no cases of either of these diseases and the Colony must be considered very fortunate to have escaped infection with cholera which was prevalent in several of the ports with which the Colony is in communication.

Death rate.—The general death rate during the year was 15.9 per mille; this figure is a very low one when it is considered that the large majority of the population live in an overcrowded Eastern city.

Malaria.—Both hospital admissions and the total number of deaths from the disease show that malaria was somewhat less prevalent than during the previous year, the figures are:—

Hospital Admissions 1925 1926
Deaths 2460 2269

Tuberculosis.—This disease is very prevalent and was responsible for 15.27 per cent. of the total deaths in 1926. The prospect of being able to do much to mitigate this disease in the Colony is not a bright one. It would necessitate a complete alteration of the mode of life and habits of the large majority of the population.

Radiology.—For the first time a whole time Radiologist was appointed. Dr. C. W. McKenny returned from leave in June having spent his time in the study of radiology and allied sciences and, having obtained his diploma (D. M. R. & E. Cambridge), was appointed to the post. The new Department was made much use of and its activities will be much extended when new apparatus, etc., is received for arrival.

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NOTICES.

HONG KONG FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

THE Management Committee of the above League will meet at Volunteer Headquarters (By kind permission), on TUESDAY, Sept. 5th, at 5.30 p.m. to make arrangements for the League competitions for the coming season. Club Secretary's are invited to be present.

W. E. HOLLANDS,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 1st September, 1927.

NOTICE.

MATRICULATION SENIOR AND JUNIOR LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.

December, 1927.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above Examinations will begin on MONDAY, December 5th, 1927. Forms of entry and copies of the Regulations and the Syllabus can be obtained on application to the Registrar. Entry forms duly filled in, should reach the Registrar, together with the statutory fees, on or before the 17th September, 1927. Fees shall be paid in accordance with the following scale:—

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Bound copies of Examination Question Papers set at past Examinations may be obtained from the Registrar at \$1 per set.

W. B. FINNIGAN,
Registrar.

Hong Kong, 31st August, 1927.

LESSONS IN CHINESE.

MR. LI HON FUN begs to state that he has been a teacher of Chinese to European Officers and Merchants in Hong Kong for more than twenty years, that he has had considerable experience in training students for examinations in Chinese, and holds first-class certificates. Persons wishing to study the Chinese language are requested to communicate with him at No. 104, Praya East, first floor. Terms moderate.

HONG KONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE SEVENTH YEARLY DRAWING of 20 DEBENTURES (1920 issue—\$500 each) of the Hong Kong Club, payable on FRIDAY, the 30th September, 1927, will be held in the Club House, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on THURSDAY, the 8th September, 1927.

Bearers of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

By Order,

A. H. ARBAS,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, 27th August, 1927.

HONG KONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

IN TERMS of Debenture Conditions Nos. 12, 13 and 14, Notice is hereby given that the Drawing of 20 Additional Debentures (1920 issue—\$500 each) of the Hong Kong Club, payable on SATURDAY, the 31st March, 1928, will be held in the Club House, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on THURSDAY, the 8th September, 1927, immediately after the Seventh Yearly Drawing of 20 Debentures.

Bearers of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

By Order,

A. H. ARBAS,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, 27th August, 1927.

INSINCERITY.

SPECIOUSNESS RAMPANT IN CHINA.

There seems to be abounding proof that political philosophy in China to-day is largely composed of speciousness, and that one of the needs, leading to reform, is a group of leaders who are honest enough to stand by their convictions even when their party or their school is passing through a period of blight, says the "North China Standard."

The collapse of the Nanking government furnishes a typical example of outrageous insincerity. For some months Chiang Kai-shek has been busily explaining his platform which, from the standpoint of protestations, was excellent. Many of the schemes outlined in words, if put into practice, would have set China on the right road. Behind Chiang was a group of administrators who apparently endorsed his convictions and presumably should have been striving to effectuate them. Bold and brassy broadsides were loosed at the enemies of Nanking, including the "Hankow ring and the Kuominchun leader, Feng Yu-hsiang, who were described as fortune hunters and what not.

With the collapse of Chiang we find his henchmen transforming their political garb and offering allegiance to Feng Yu-hsiang, Dr. Wang Chung-hui is selected as an example of political parasitism, not because he is any worse than the rest, but because he is better known to Peking and Tientsin readers.

Up to the time of the formation of the Nanking government Dr. Wang was an employee of the Ankuochun, indirectly. He held at least two posts, one of them being a liquidator of the Russo-Asiatic Bank and the other the Codification Bureau. Other honours and salary bearing positions were bestowed on him from time to time. How well he performed all these tasks cannot be said offhand, but the amount of liquidating done at the bank during his term has not sent the banking world agog. As a matter of fact this newspaper complained before his departure at the delays connected with the wind-up of the Russian bank's affairs, and the absence of official information about it.

It is difficult to comprehend the mental and spiritual attitude of a man who will take a salary from one person and express loyalty to another. Doubtless it is good business for the person concerned, but it shows a lack of common decency and argues for the continued unsettlement of the political seas in China. Dr. Wang said, when he went to Nanking, that he always had been a member of the Kuomintang, which may have been all right, but how much better to have said so to those who hired him up North.

There should be a change in the character of the politicians before any permanent settlement may be attainable in China, and men who are willing to stand or fall by the fortunes of their parties and alliances, must be brought to the front.

UNDER ECLIPSE.

ANOTHER TALE OF CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

A fortnight ago when Chiang Kai-shek was making his last desperate bid for partnership with the Ankuochun, says the "N. C. Standard", there was a moment when he nearly succeeded. For, within the Mukden party was a little group known as the liberals, including Yang Yu-ting and Han Lin-chun, who are supposed to have the tact support of the Tzuanshuai's son, and who worked hard in insisting that the idea of a junction should be approved. One report current said that Yang Yu-ting got so far as a draft agreement and went to Tsinan to try and bring Chang Tsung-chang and Sun Chuan-fang into line.

But Sun was unfriendly to the idea: what he wanted to do was to recover Shanghai from Chiang Kai-shek and re-establish himself in his old provinces. Yang came back sorrowfully to Peking. Immediately afterwards Chiang collapsed, and the conservatives of the Mukden party were shown to be justified in their attitude of no compromise. Yang Yu-ting and Han Lin-chun are now in the Western Hills, enjoying a holiday, which is another way of saying that, for the moment, they are under eclipse.

What Is He Worth?

It is little over a month since Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was announcing his intention to capture Tientsin and Peking, and so far as foreigners generally knew at the time, he was in a way to make good his boast. Tsinan, the provincial capital of Shantung, and the ultimate base of Marshal Chang Tsung-chang's army, as well as Sun Chuan-fang's headquarters, was trembling with excitement, expecting capture. General Chen at Kiaochow had revolted against Chang Tsung-chang, and a Southern expedition had occupied the port of Haichow, within 50 miles of the Shantung border. Various officials of Shantung began to bolt, and all seemed ready for the climax, when Chiang Kai-shek suddenly turned tail. The offer to negotiate which had issued earlier from Fengtien headquarters was cancelled, and it became Chiang Kai-shek's turn to dwell on the virtues of friendly negotiation and the blessings of peace.

What caused the reversal? In the case of Sennacharib, King of Assyria, it was the piety of Hezekiah that brought about the invader's discomfiture, but there is not much piety on either side in modern Asiatic warfare, which is full of these bouleversements, indicating the fundamental rottenness of the oriental military machine. The army gets unmanageable, officers mutinous, counsels divided, and the bottom falls out of the boiler. In Chiang's case the beginning of the end came when he fell out with the other "Nationalists" of Wuhan.

Chiang Kai-shek is reported to have retired to the vicinity of Ningpo, his native place, with an accrued net personality of \$20,000,000. His monthly income from Shanghai alone amounted to that figure, so that if he is only \$20,000,000 to the



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good he must feel tempted, like Lord Clive, to stand aghast at his own moderation. Even the Union Trading Corporation of Tientsin put \$10,000,000 or \$15,000,000 out of sight, under the guidance of a returned student, so that the generalissimo business would not appear to be so wonderfully profitable when the risks are taken into account; but it may be that the sum attributed to ex-Generalissimo Chiang is what the company directors call a conservative estimate, meaning that they have a good deal up their sleeve. In any case it is not to be expected that Chiang Kai-shek the millionaire will remain long at Ningpo recalling memories of innocent childhood. His advisers will prescribe a change of climate and complete rest, and where can these be better found than in the island home of cherry blossoms

and chrysanthemums? The banks, too, are safer there, and there is no embargo on silver imports.

Chiang Kai-shek himself, it is understood, places his downfall in a most flattering light—flattering to his own self-esteem. He states that he found himself an obstacle to reunion between Nanking and Wuhan, and, therefore, he generously retired. There might be thought something magnanimous about such self-effacement, especially if it only cost the country \$20,000,000. Perhaps Chiang Kai-shek will go down in China's history as a noble example of self-suppression in the interests of "nationalism." But it seems as if the bottom had been knocked out of Chinese "nationalism" too. Like a good gambler, Chiang has taken his profits and cleared out of the market before the luck turned. His "nationalism" resolved itself, after many high-flown declarations, into bloodshed and plunder worthy of the pirates of Bias Bay but on a far grander scale. Yet this is the man, before whose prowess the whole business community of Shanghai were invited to evacuate and go home. If Mr. Trevelyan and his Labour friends in Parliament have any conscience, they will close their mouths for ever on the subject of China—"N. C. Daily Mail."

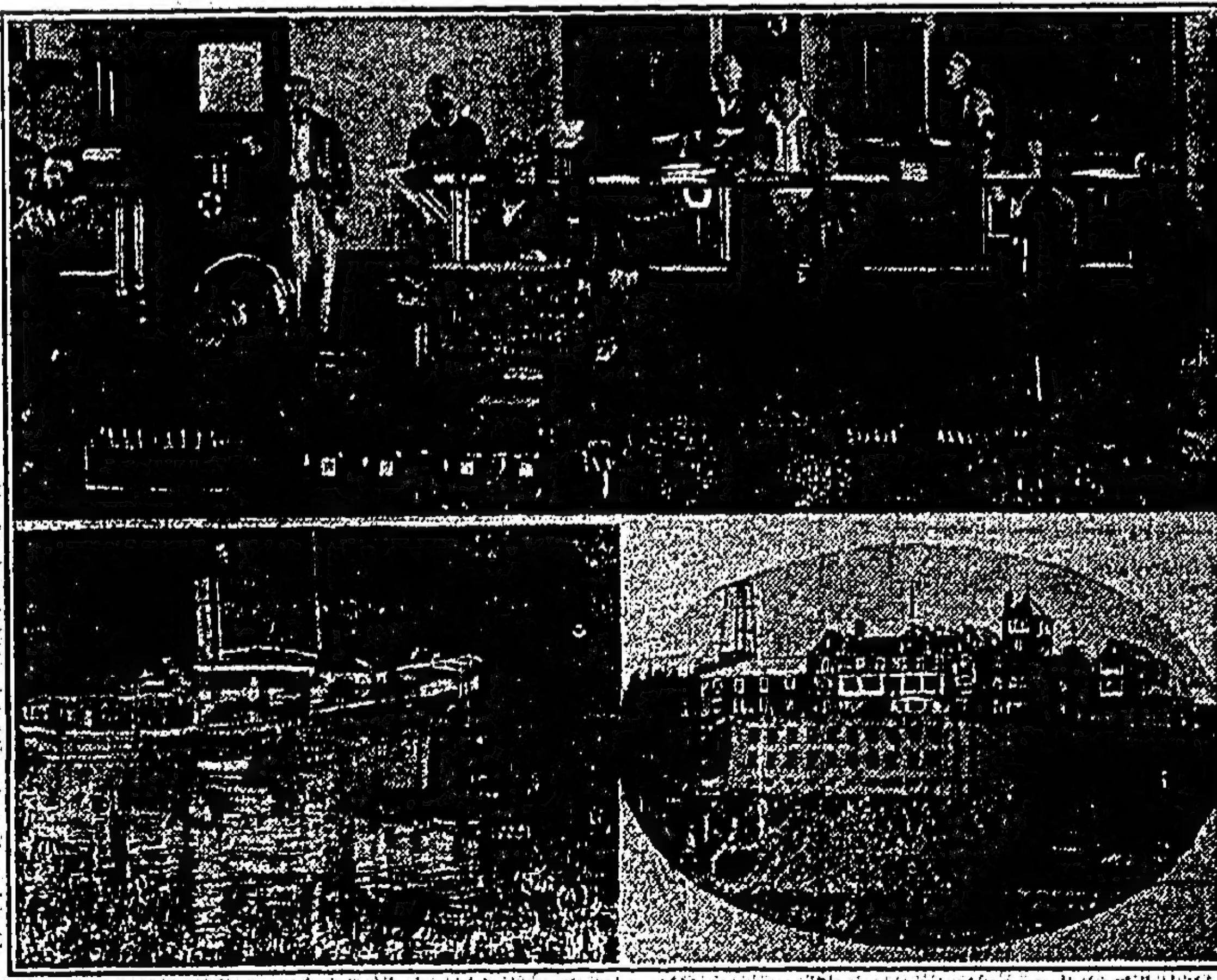
A BACHELOR KING.

Search for a Bride.

The mysterious departure from Sofia of King Boris on a European tour, incognito has revived interest in his matrimonial plans. He is expected to visit London.

Bulgarian opinion is divided on the question of the most desirable queen. One quarter wants a Royal pedigree, and another insists that King Boris should add the country by selecting an American heiress of good family.

[Boris III is the eldest son of Ferdinand of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, and the late Marie Louise, eldest daughter of Duke Robert of Parma. He was born on January 30, 1894, and succeeded to the throne on the abdication of his father, October 3, 1918.]



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CONSIGNATION—TRANSIT—REPRESENTATION.

**SHIPPING SECTION.****LOCAL SHIPPING.**

TODAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

Empress of Asia (8,833) British, from Vancouver, Shanghai, Canadian Pacific—498 passengers, 1,636 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 811 tons general (through).
Phuempenh (1,065) British, from Saigon, No Fat Sing—13 passengers, 1,600 tons rice for Hong Kong.
Tanda (4,237) British, from Moji, Mackinnon, Mackenzie—22 passengers, 2½ tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 929 tons general (through).
Yat Shing (1,424) British, from Sam Chau Inlet, Jardine's—105 passengers.
Nagore (3,226) British, from Rotterdam, Singapore, Mackinnon, Mackenzie—154 tons explosives and 1,664 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 2,249 tons general (through).
Hin Sang (1,885) British, from Sandakan, Jardine's—26 passengers, 4,200 tons timber and general cargo for Hong Kong.
Hydrangea (681) British, from Swatow, Chui On S.S. Co.—467 passengers, 165 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
Gotha (4,368) German, from Shanghai, Melchers & Co.—16 passengers, 2 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 4,694 tons general (through).
Munsterland (3,864) German, from Hamburg, Jebson & Co.—12 passengers, 5 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 5,200 tons general (through).
Kathe (906) German, from Canton, Kwong Mow Tai—80 tons general cargo (through).
Kremer (2,754) Dutch, from Amoy, Swatow, J. C. J. L.—1,405 passengers, 1 yacht for Hong Kong, 1,167 tons general cargo (through).
Palembang (1,979) Dutch, from Balikpapan, Shanghai, A. P. C.—500 tons candles for Hong Kong.
Michael Jebson (1,341) Danish, from Swatow, Jebson & Co.
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British	7	2
Japanese	2	3
Norwegian	0	3
Chinese	1	2
Danish	1	0
Dutch	2	1
French	0	1
German	3	1
American	0	1
Panama	0	1
Portuguese	0	0
	16	14

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Khyber" left Singapore for this port on August 29 at 3 p.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here to-day at about 5 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" will sail for Manila to-day at 5 p.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Morea" left Shanghai for this port on August 30 at 4 p.m., and is due here to-morrow at about 6 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Kobe on August 30 at 2 p.m. left Kobe yesterday at 10 a.m., and is due at Yokohama to-day at 5 p.m.

The Ben Line s.s. "Bengloe" from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here to-morrow.

The B. I. s.s. "Tilawa" left Singapore for this port on August 30 at p.m., and is due here on September 4 at a.m.

The M.V. "Esquillo" (D. & Co.) from Brindisi, is expected in Hong Kong on September 15.

The s.s. "Bolton Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from New York on July 19, and is due to arrive in Hong Kong on September 24.

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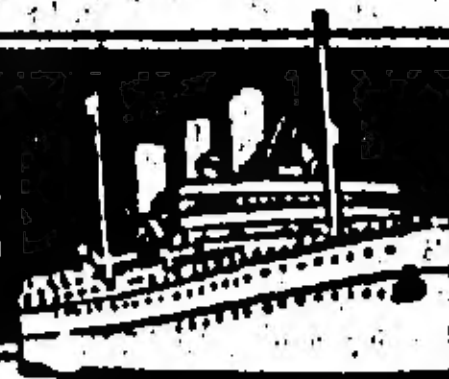
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NYANZA	7,923	22nd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHMIR	8,986	30th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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MONGOLIA	10,504	29th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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Departure from Singapore was scheduled for tomorrow, but the typhoon which raged over Hong Kong last Saturday caused inevitable delay, and the "Rawalpindi" is accomplishing an exceptional run to make up lost time.

Instead of being able to leave Hong Kong at noon on Saturday she could not get away until 3.30 p.m. on Monday, a delay of 56 1/2 hours, and she has been coming to Singapore at a speed of 17 knots.

The "Rawalpindi" is an exceptionally fine ship, and more vessels of this type on the Far Eastern service would be appreciated. With so many people going home from the Straits there will be an unusually big company of leave-takers on board on Saturday morning.

PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURES.

Passengers arrived by the s.s. "Empress of Asia" on September 1 from Vancouver and Ports were:—

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LIGHTHOUSES.

LIVERPOOL PROTEST TO THE PREMIER.

Liverpool Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution on July 5 urging the appointment of a commission to inquire into the organisation and administration of the Lighthouse Fund, the view being expressed that increased light dues are an indirect tax on import and export trade.

The resolution, which is to be sent to the Prime Minister, local members of Parliament, the Chamber of Shipping, the Board of Trade, and the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, was passed after a discussion which arose on a letter from Mr. R. H. Thornton (Messrs. Alfred Holt and Co., Blue Funnel Line), pointing out the recent increase of 15 points in the light dues represented the third increase in three years, and expressing the opinion of shipowners that not only are many lights redundant, but that the burden of paying for them is not equitably distributed.

Huge Expenditure.

Mr. Thornton, supporting his letter, said the matter of lighthouse dues had been a cause of frequent friction between steamship owners, who paid the dues, and Trinity House, which provided the lights to light the coasts. Trinity House received and expended about one million pounds in a year, and on that body the steamship owners had no representation, neither had the Government. Trinity House was altogether irresponsible and autonomous, and spent that huge sum as it thought fit.

The Board of Trade had the right to examine its proposals when it came to building new lighthouses, but, as far as its administration and its decisions as to maintaining the lights went, the Board of Trade had no authority, and still less had the shipowners. Shipowners were convinced that the lights were not being as economically administered as they might be, and he urged that the time had come for a Government inquiry into the whole position. He moved the following resolution:—

"That this chamber views with concern the heavy increase in light dues imposed upon shipping, and notices that this increase is required mainly to cover largely-increased costs of maintenance. In view of the fact that these dues amount to an indirect tax on import and export trade by increasing the cost of sea carriage, the chamber considers that a commission should be appointed by the Government to inquire into the existing organisation of the Lighthouse Fund and its administration."

Unnecessary Lights.

Mr. A. Harold Bibby (chairman of the Liverpool Steamship Owners' Association), who seconded, said they had examined the lighting over certain sections of the coast, and had come to the conclusion that there was a fair case for a commission, such as was suggested in the resolution. A lot of the lights—put up originally for the sake of shipping, in the days of sailing vessels, when ships had so often to tack up and down the coasts—were now unnecessary, and a lot of the lighthouses could be replaced by very much cheaper lights in the way of beacons. Many lights, too, which were now on the General Lighthouse Fund, were really local lights.

Mr. J. P. Rudolf, supporting, said he was confident that eventually all lights would be made a national charge on the country which provided the lights for maritime shipping.

Mr. J. Pickering Jones, who presided, also supported the resolution, which was carried—"Liverpool Post."

DERELICT SUBMARINE.

REAL-LIFE YARN OF SEA ENDED.

Tokyo, Aug. 16.

Like a page out of Jules Verne comes the story of the discovery and search in mid-ocean of the mysterious derelict submarine which has been bobbing up here and there in the Pacific during the past several months. Seldom in the time that man has sailed the seven seas has a stranger story been entered upon the log-book of the American Pioneer Line steamer, "Liberator," whose Captain, C. D. Smith, boarded the ghostly under-sea craft on August 5, 1,592 miles north-west of Honolulu and attempted an exploration of her rear, deserting interior but was balked by gases.

The "Liberator" arrived in Yokohama Sunday evening from Port Arthur, via Panama. The American Mail Line is agent at Yokohama for the American Pioneer Line, and original information of the derelict submarine came from a message picked up by the American Mail line. "President McKinley," Captain A. O. Lustig.

The first reports gave this submarine the No. 2-27. The mystery was unsolved since the United States Navy explained that their O subs were numbered no higher than 16. The attempt by Captain Smith to open the submarine to discover if any bodies were in the hatch was balked by poisonous gas coming from the interior. Further details have now been received and attest to the very seaman-like manner in which Captain Smith conducted his investigation.

Captain Smith sighted the submarine dead ahead about 6 o'clock in the afternoon of August 5, 1,592 miles north-west of Honolulu. On stopping to investigate he noted that on both sides of the hull she was marked 02 and not 027 as previously reported. The submarine was described as being 200 feet long and in excellent condition. She appeared to be heavily shored up inside and her hatches were battened down.

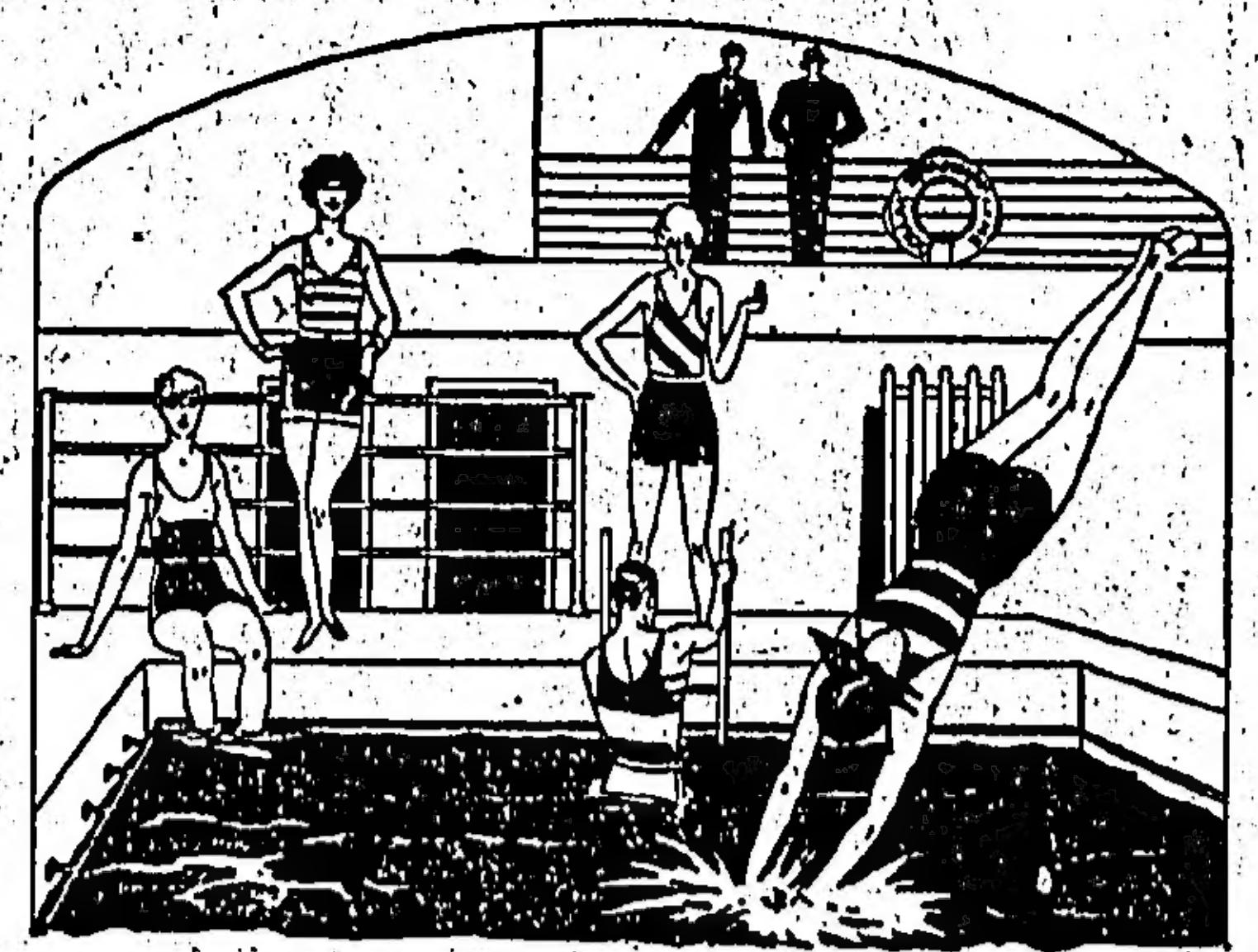
Her towing rigging appeared to be set for a long tow and her hull appeared to be in process of being constructed or dismantled. All conning tower plates were removed. Her frame appeared to be intact but her machinery and batteries had apparently been removed. She carried torpedo tubes forward and aft. She was not of an American type, nor did she carry any name or marks on her plates which were visible.

The boarding party, under the direction of Captain Smith, opened her hatch endeavouring to obtain what information they could. The chief engineer was partly asphyxiated by gas or foul air and had to be hauled out. Lack of odour indicated that there were no bodies in the interior. Darkness intervened about this time. Captain Smith ordered the submarine's hatch to be left open so that the first storm would sink her as she was floating very light and was exceedingly dangerous to navigation. There were no signs aboard of any past or present crew.

Captain Smith declared Sunday he was amazed at the lapse of time when he learned of the disappearance of the former German submarine here in Japan. If the derelict sighted by the "Liberator" is the same as the ship lost here, Captain Smith believes that she must have been taken by the Japan current in a north-easterly direction from Japan, drifting perhaps along the Aleutian Islands and southward off the coast of North America until she was caught in the westerly current which brought her past Honolulu and in a north-westerly direction toward Japan again.

When the original reports of the derelict submarine were received here, the Japanese navy officials declared they were certain their missing submarine had been sunk. American naval authorities were even more certain that the vessel was not theirs.

So the huge under-sea craft went to Davy Jones' locker ownerless and never quite identified closing another episode of the sea as curious and as vague as its career had been aboveboard.



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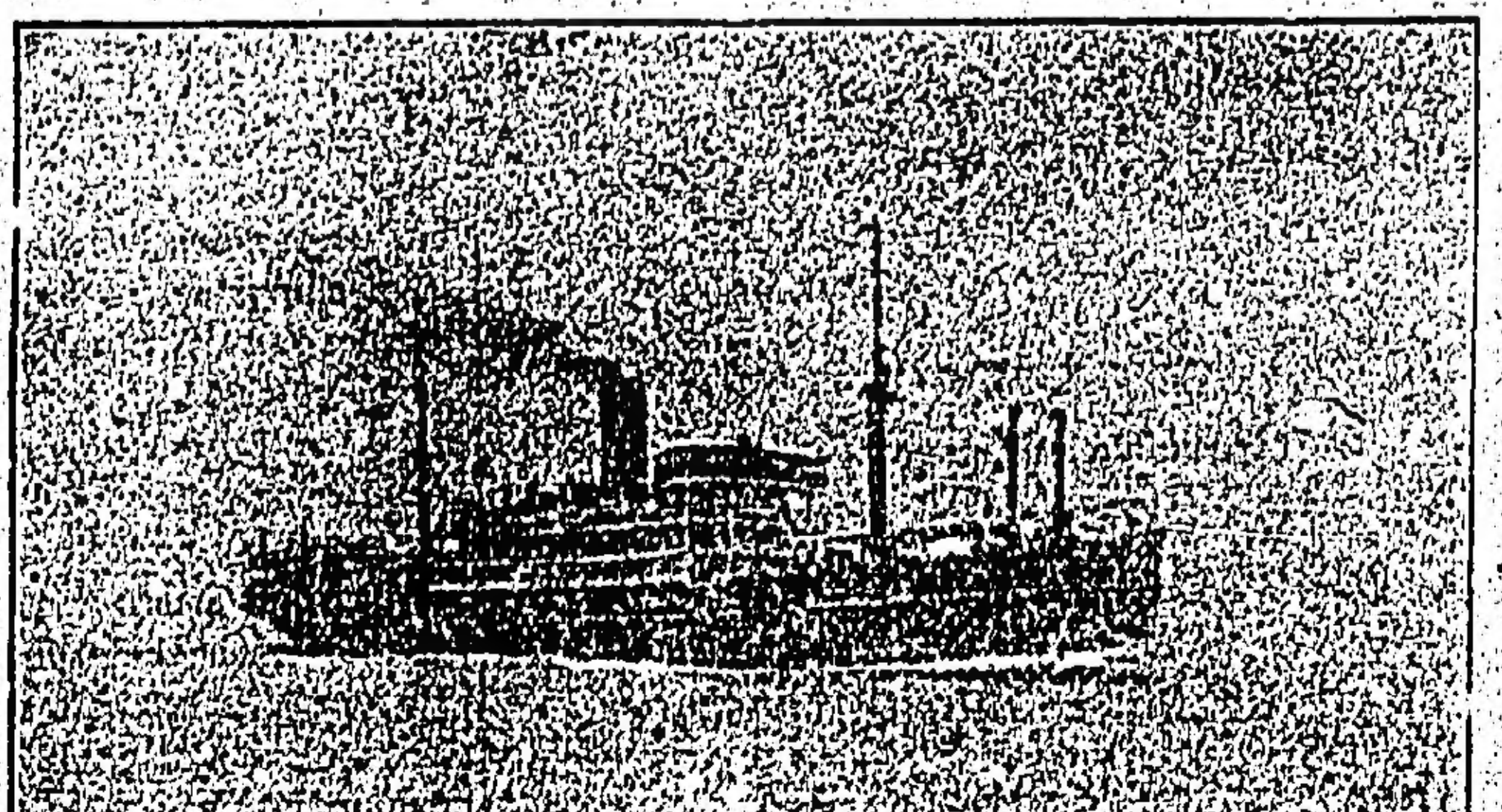
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A DOUBLE BLOW.

Two more piracies have been
committed, the steamers in each
case being taken to Bias Bay. To
the volumes of comment on this
kind of outrage on the high seas
it almost appears that not one
word can be usefully added. Bias
Bay is there. The pirates are
there. And the ships are there.
What good has come of all the
talk of more vigorous searches of
intending passengers at the ports
of embarkation? What benefit
has accrued from the naval raid
on Bias Bay in March? What
has resulted from the reported
agreement among the seafaring
Powers to take united action as
the sequel to the piracy of the
Norwegian steamer "Solviken"
toward the end of July?

It is so easy and simple to
condemn the pirates—so easy
to write of the continued inaction
of the Kwangtung authorities.
More difficult is it to suggest
concrete measures to eliminate
both Bias Bay and the pirates.
Columns—nay pages—have been
filled to overflowing. And we are
no nearer a solution. But for-
eign shipping and foreign trade
cannot "sit down under it." Ob-
viously there are weaknesses
in the present method of
countering piracy. It is the
easiest thing possible for pirates
to board steamers as passengers.
If they and their luggage are
searched it must be a search in
the majority of cases of a very
perfunctory nature. It should
not be possible for a score or
so of pirates to smuggle arms
and ammunition on board. It
should not be possible for one
pirate to put a foot on the
gangway until his bona fides—in
this case his male fides—have

been established. On the coastal
ships Indian guards are carried.
Do their duties commence only
from the moment a steamer sets
out of port? Are they never
called upon to co-operate with the
ship's company—officers and
crew—and Indian and Chinese
shore guards to search passen-
gers and passengers' luggage for
arms and ammunition not
after the voyage has been actual-
ly commenced but on the wharf
or gangway?

Apart from the Indian guards
it is likewise quite clear that the
present method of searches is
quite inadequate. Here lies the
greatest weakness of anti-piracy
precautions. It has been con-
tended that the most thorough
search of the hundreds of Chin-
ese passengers would unduly
delay steamers and retard trade.
It is also pointed out that, whilst
a perfect scheme of searching
may obtain at one port, compara-
tive laxity may prevail at other
ports. And such laxity will soon
become known to the pirates and
their accomplices on shore. But
if, on account of tides and other
considerations, it may seem to
the shipping companies imprac-
ticable to delay longer than at
present in a particular port, why
cannot the hour of embarkation
of passengers be altered so as to
make it imperative for every
Chinese passenger to embark
two or three hours before the
advertised time of sail-
ing? Thus, if a steamer must
leave at 3 p.m., advertise her
sailing for noon. That would
give ample time for a thorough
search of passengers and their
luggage on the wharf or gang-
way.

A Few Figures.

One of the handiest amongst
the many handy documents
which were tabled at this after-
noon's meeting of the Hong
Kong Legislative Council was a
set of financial and other statis-
tics showing the development
of the Colony during the thirty
years from 1897 to 1926. Col-
lectively and in regard to its
various individual heads, the
paper provides much food for
thought. Revenue, for instance,
we see, has increased roughly
ten-fold during the thirty years,
and so has expenditure. When,
in 1897, the Colony's resources
were put at just over two and a
half million dollars, this year
we have an estimated total of
\$21,007,897; and as to expendi-
ture, a similar rise is recorded,
the two and a half million dol-
lars of thirty years ago growing
to \$22,814,702 for the last bud-
getted year. A brief comparison
between the sources of revenue
over the period under review is

interesting. Assessed taxes show
an increase of over three million
dollars, and we now get over a
million dollars from liquor duties
whereas in 1897 such levies were
non-existent. The opium mono-
poly provides us with nearly
three million dollars a year,
against a paltry \$285,000 in the
late 'nineties, and stamp duties
and tobacco duties bring in over
four and a half million dollars
compared with a sum total of
\$252,217 in 1897. The revenue
derived from the Kowloon-
Canton Railway is, of course, all
new in the light of what was
coming into the Colony's coffers
thirty years ago, and an increase
of some three million dollars is
represented by miscellaneous re-
ceipts. Taking the revenue
figures for opium separately, it is
seen that although we are now
getting nearly ten times as much
from this monopoly to-day than
was the case in 1897, there have
been years when the income has
considerably surpassed the
\$2,140,000 odd collected in 1926.
The Government took over the
opium monopoly from the private
grower on March 1, 1914,
and in that year the net revenue
was \$2,819,540. The following
year it rose one million dollars,
and in 1918 reached a peak of
\$8,047,289, owing partly to in-
creased sales at increased selling
prices. Then there was a drop
until 1922, when the net income
from the drug was \$5,067,051.
Since that date there has been
a decline, and it is evident that
sales nowadays do not compare
in volume to those of past years.

LEGAL ERROR.

FULL COURT CASE STRUCK OUT.

WRONG SERVICE.

On the ground that the notice
of motion was bad, an appeal by
Mr. Hin Shing Lo (instructed by
Mr. C. A. S. Russ) against a de-
cision of the Magistrate at the
Kowloon Court was dismissed at
the Supreme Court this morning.

The case concerned the convic-
tion of Choi Ho and Sei Chin-shun
for possession of forty pigs know-
ing same to have been stolen.
The two men were fined \$150
each.

Mr. H. S. Fitzroy (for the
Crown) applied at this morning's
Full Court (Mr. Justice Wood and
Mr. Justice Jacks) for the notice
of motion to be struck out.

Mr. Justice Wood drew Mr.
Hin Shing Lo's attention to the
wording of the Magistrate's Ordinance
and asked whether the notice
of appeal was sent to the com-
plainant within fourteen days of
the delivery of the stated case.

Counsel replied that notice of
appeal had been sent within that
period.

Complainant (Chau Wing-tat),
who was present in Court was
asked by His Lordship whether
he had received any such papers
in connection with the case and
replied that he had not.

Counsel stated that it was
served on the complainant's soli-
citors.

Wrong Service.

His Lordship asked for the
production of the notice and drew
attention to the fact that it was
addressed to the Crown. Why
was it made out in the name of
the Crown and not in the name of
the complainant, His Lordship
asked.

Counsel explained how the mis-
take had arisen, owing to the
fact that the Police had original-
ly conducted the case and then
Mr. F. C. Hall had also taken
part. It was purely a mistake and
he asked for leave to amend the
writ.

His Lordship indicated that he
did not think the Court had power
to grant such an application.

Counsel remarked that if the
case was struck out there would
be an obvious miscarriage of
justice.

After Mr. Fitzroy had stated
cases instancing that the Court
had no power to amend the notice
of motion, His Lordship gave
judgment as follows:

"My Brother and I are agreed
as to the proper course to be
followed on this motion." This
appeal is by two persons convicted
before the Police Magistrate
in certain proceedings. It is pro-
vided in the Magistrate's Ordinance
that an appellant shall within
fourteen days after the delivery
of the stated case to him transmit
the case to the Registrar first
giving notice in writing of the ap-
peal and sending with it a copy of
the case to the other party (the
respondents).

"In this matter, the appellants
have not complied with that sec-
tion. They did not within the
period named send a copy of the
stated case either to the respon-
dent or to his solicitors and no-
tice of motion was prepared on
behalf of the appellants and was
served on the respondents' soli-
citors within the time specified.
That notice of motion, however,
was wrong in form in that it was
addressed to the Crown who were
named as respondents. The soli-
citors on whom it was served
were therefore entitled to dis-
regard it. The Crown have been
improperly brought before the
Court on this motion and in the
absence of proper preliminary pro-
ceedings this Court has no juris-
diction to consider the merits of
the appeal as raised.
The motion will be dismissed
and appellants will pay the
costs of the Crown."

OUR \$50 PRIZE.

Result of Seventeenth Puzzle.

THREE WINNERS.

The "China Mail" has pleasure
in announcing the result of the
seventeenth and final Cross-Word
Puzzle of the new series. This has
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Miss R. Judah,
"The Den," Castle Road.

M. A. Figueiredo,
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cheque will be sent to the winners
four days hence under registered
cover, together with the congratu-
lations of the "China Mail

COSTLY PRANK.

CHINESE CHARGED BY POLICE.

A PERJURY CONVICTION.

At the Central Magistracy before Mr. R. E. Lindell yesterday afternoon, Mr. C. A. S. Russ, for the defence, entered a plea of "guilty" after evidence for the prosecution had been completed in the case in which Lai Kam-yang, a Chinese Police Reservist was charged with breach of police regulations, and two other Chinese youths with impersonating the police.

The first witness for the prosecution was Lance Sergeant Ng Kai-wing of the Chinese Company of the Hong Kong Police. He spoke about a scene which took place between the defendants and the attendants of the Tai Ping Theatre. A friend named Ho went up to the defendants and requested them to leave the theatre but they protested that they were Police Reservists, and pointed to a fourth member of the party, who was not arrested, as being a Sergeant. When asked to show the authority, first defendant (Lai) showed his belt, while the other two produced a small metal crown and a police note-book respectively. Later the third man also produced a crown.

Chief Officer.

Mr. F. C. Mow Fung, officer commanding the Chinese Company of the Hong Kong Police, said Lai had been a Reservist since June 22 of this year. After speaking of equipment supplied to the defendant, the witness said that the third man had also applied to join the Force but he was rejected by the doctor.

Proceeding, the witness said that in consequence of reports received that certain members of the Police Reserve were acting in an arrogant and sometimes disorderly manner, he detailed some senior officers to keep a lookout, particularly on R.57 (Lai).

Mr. Russ objected to the statement which he held was not evidence.

The Magistrate agreed that the statement was not acceptable.

Replying to the Magistrate, Mr. Mow Fung said that he did not receive any particular complaint from the Tai Ping or any other theatre.

Hostile Witness.

Ng Cheong who was in the company of the defendants on the night in question was next called to give evidence for the prosecution. He proved to be a hostile witness, however, and denied that either the defendants or himself had produced anything at the theatre, neither did they at any time claim to be policemen.

Inspector Grant put in a statement which this witness had made at No. 7 Police Station and this the Magistrate read to the witness as follows:

"When I got to the theatre, I told the first defendant I had no money. Lai Kim-yang said 'No fear' and handed me a badge, saying if anyone should ask me anything I was to show the crown badge and it would be all right. We went into the theatre and Lai, as he passed the barrier, said 'I am a Police Reservist.' I was not asked for a ticket. After being in the theatre for about five minutes, the collector came and asked Lai Kim-yang for tickets, saying 'If you have no money to pay for the tickets, clear out.' Lai then opened his jacket and exposed his police belt to view, saying 'Can't you see I am a Police Reservist?'"

Asked if he denied having made any part of that statement, the witness said he did not know what he was saying at the time. He might have made the statement. Witness added that he had spent a sleepless night in custody and was starving at the time the statement was made. He also denied in answer to another question by the Magistrate that he had produced a crown to anyone on the night in question (August 19).

Perjury Charge.

The witness was ordered to stand down and his Worship told Inspector Grant to take the man to the Charge room and have him charged with perjury.

The case for the prosecution against three defendants having been completed, Mr. Russ obtained leave to withdraw from the Court to confer with his clients. After an absence of ten minutes, Counsel returned and pleaded "guilty" on behalf of all three defendants.

Addressing the Magistrate for leniency, Mr. Russ said that his clients regarded the matter more as a prank than anything else. An exposure of this kind was in itself to deal with the defendants as they were young men of good character. Counsel asked his "Worship" to deal with the defendants was leniently as he could.

Comdr. Hartford.

Invited by the Magistrate to give his views on the matter, Commander Hartford, D.S.P. (R), said this was the first case of this character, and he was particularly anxious that it should be the last. It was his opinion that the majority of the public were ignorant of the powers of the Police Reserve and therefore it was a simple matter for Reservists to produce a part of their equipment to intimidate a member of the community over an unlawful act. However, he asked his "Worship" not to be very severe in punishing the first defendant (Lai), but he suggested that a sufficiently

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CINEMA NOTES.

JACKIE COOGAN'S EXCELLENT PICTURE.

BROADWAY FOLLIES' VISIT.

Offering a double attraction in the shape of Jackie Coogan's latest picture, "Johnny Get Your Hair Cut," and the visit of the Broadway Follies, the new programme at the Queen's Theatre to-day will be received with general favour. Jackie Coogan needs no introduction to local cinema-goers, but it may be mentioned that in "Johnny Get Your Hair Cut" he is seen for the first time as a grown-up boy and in the course of the picture he actually does get his hair cut.

The Broadway Follies comprise twelve artists, several of whom have already achieved fame in New York and the other big capitals. For example Mr. Joseph Cherpino and Miss Helen Cook were the principal dancers with the New York Midnight Revue for two years, and Signor Adolfo Bellotti, who possesses a beautiful tenor voice, was for six years at the Milan Opera House, later going to New York to join the Metropolitan Opera Company.

The company also includes a bevy of beautiful girls—seven in number—who interpret classical, modern and jazz dancing with charm and skill. The concerted numbers are thus particularly effective. The company will appear at all performances in the current programme and will submit a complete change of programme on Sunday, when the principal film will be "Money Talks," a brisk comedy featuring Claire Windsor and Owen Moore.

World Theatre. Beginning with a laugh and ending with a laugh, the new picture at the World Theatre to-day, "Seven Keys to Baldpate," is essentially a comedy, but it has also all the elements of an exciting mystery play. The story concerns a young novelist, who for the love of a girl, attempts the almost impossible task of writing a complete novel in twenty-four hours. The place he chooses for the task is Baldpate, a closed mountain inn, to which there is supposed to be only one key. Scarcely has he begun to write, however, than he is interrupted in dramatic fashion, and it soon appears that there are not less than six other keys, each of which is used by an alarming caller. The result is both exciting and amusing, with a totally unexpected climax.

Douglas MacLean is the hero of "Seven Keys to Baldpate." Viola Dana and Robert Agnew play the leading roles in "Wild Oats Lane," the principal film in the new continuous programme at the Star Theatre to-day. The story deals with a boy and a girl who are led into crime but who are regenerated by love. Produced by Marshall Neilan, who has specialised in such pictures, "Wild Oats Lane" is strong in dramatic appeal.

severe punishment should be meted out to serve as a deterrent and warning to other Reservists who might be tempted to behave in a manner similar to Lai.

All Fined. Mr. Lindell addressing defendants said: "You three young men undoubtedly took a wise course in pleading guilty through your solicitor, as the charges brought against you were overwhelmingly proved. Which of you was responsible for planning this raid on the theatre, entering the theatre without tickets—does not appear in the evidence. I must hold on the prima facie evidence that the first defendant, whose book was used to facilitate the entry, was responsible. That, obviously is a gross breach of discipline which renders you liable under the Police Reserve Ordinance to a fine of \$200 or six months' imprisonment. However, in view of the fact that it is the first time you have been before the court, and your good record as a Reservist, I will fine first defendant \$75. You must understand that any further offence of this sort, not only by you, but by any other member of the Reserve will be visited with imprisonment. The second and third defendants are fined \$25 on each charge, making \$50 each, and these convictions are now on record against you and any further offence by you of this nature will be met with imprisonment."

The man Ng Cheong was then dealt with for committing perjury. Mr. Russ who represented him pleaded "guilty."

Mr. Russ said that the offence was committed out of chivalrousness to his friends, and although that was no excuse in law, Counsel asked his "Worship" to take that fact into consideration in dealing with the defendant.

Mr. Lindell: "Again you have taken a wise course. Had you insisted in pleading not guilty, I would have dealt with you more severely. In view of the fact that you were trying to shield your friends I am prepared to let you go with a fine of \$25. You ought to understand that lying on oath in this box will not be tolerated."

COLONY'S CRIME.

(Continued from Page 1.)

The Department is much indebted to the Police authorities in Macao for close co-operation throughout the year. The Indian community continued its loyal attitude to the Government.

The unsettled conditions in China were reflected in the increased number of European destitutes and stowaways with whom the Police were called upon to deal. Most of these persons arrived from Chinese coast ports.

Guards. Number of Guards employed during the year:—

	1926.	1925.
Steamer Guards (Indian)	290	203
Steam Launch Guards (Chinese)	4	0
Shore Guards (Indian)	321	340
Shore Guards (Chinese)	15	22
Special L. A. Gun Guards (Indian)	50	50
Guards on Strength but unemployed	25	110
	705	725

Bonds.

At the beginning of the year the Bonds for steamers and steam launches were submitted to the Crown Solicitor for examination. The Bonds were re-numbered to show the actual number of ships with valid Bonds on December 31. Formerly the return showed total number of Bonds issued commencing with original number one. The figures now stand as follows:

Vessels under Bond 31.12.26, 79.

Total number of vessels that have been under Bond 31.12.26, 259. Discipline throughout the year was good. There were 34 dismissals during the year for misconduct.

Gambling.

Two hundred and thirty-three gambling warrants were successfully executed during the year as against 286 in 1925. There was one case in which no conviction was obtained. There were no lottery cases, compared with 6 in 1925.

During the year Police had occasion to stop several lotteries. The promoters appeared to be under the false impression that donation of a part of the proceeds to a philanthropic object rendered a lottery permissible.

Property Stolen.

The estimated value of property stolen during the year was \$484,382.53, as against \$584,578.61 in 1925, a decrease of \$100,196.08 or 20.6 per cent. The average for the last five years is \$641,866.38.

The value of property recovered during the year was \$53,359.30 or 11 per cent. of the value of the property stolen, as against \$52,022.09 or 8.9 per cent. of the property stolen in 1925, an increase of 2.1 per cent. in the ratio between the property stolen and property recovered.

Licences.

The following licences were issued during the year:—

	1925.	1926.
Public Jinrikshas	1,775	1,783
Private Jinrikshas	1,361	1,007
Public Chairs	896	676
Private Chairs	171	143
Drivers and Bearers	17,898	16,598
Truck licences	1,261	1,109
Motor cars (Livery)	373	365
Motor cars (Private)	834	905
Motor cars (Drivers)	2,309	2,417
Motor cycle (Licences)	429	463
Motor cycle (Drivers)	465	475
Money Changers	199	198
Pawn-brokers	133	110
Chinese Wine and Spirit Licences	400	371
Auctioneer Licences	5	5
Billiard Tables and Bowling Alleys	5	4
Distillery Licences	18	33
Marine Stores	29	29
Game Licences	426	404
Hawkers	8,416	8,528
Dangerous Goods	1,036	976
Poisons	19	17

Mendicants.

During the year 1926 six hundred and one mendicants were arrested and dealt with as follows:—

41 mendicants charged before the Magistrate.
5 mendicants sent to Tung Wah Hospital.
1 mendicant let go by order of Hon. C.S.P.
20 mendicants handed back to parents.
385 mendicants sent out of Colony once.
198 mendicants sent out of Colony more than once.
1 mendicant sent out of Colony 20 times.

Dogs' Ordinance.

	1926.	1925.
Dogs Licensed	4,955	8,609
Dogs Licensed (free)	26	25
Dogs Impounded	481	970
Dogs Destroyed	1,872	331

A HEALTHY YEAR.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Civil Hospital.—Dr. D. J. Valentine was the Medical Officer in charge and Dr. W. L. Paterson was Second Medical Officer. Dr. C. W. McKenny took charge from July 20 to October 16, while the first mentioned two went on leave.

Nursing Staff.—Miss E. A. Gilling was appointed Matron in succession to Miss M. Sloan who took up the new appointment of Principal Matron.

Buildings, etc.—No large structural additions or alterations were made to the hospital. The new annex to the Sisters' Quarters was completed early in the year.

The total number of admissions to the hospital (exclusive of the Maternity Block and Lunatic Asylum) was 5,381 a number which is less than the figure for the three previous years.

The daily average of patients in hospital was 192 which shows that during part of the year every available bed was occupied (193). At times a state of overcrowding existed.

All nationalities were treated at the Civil Hospital—European women and children are not, except in special instances, treated there—they are accommodated at the Victoria Hospital, Barker Road.

European	526
Indians	1,115
Chinese	3,740

The patients were divided as follows:—

1st Class	45
2nd Class	204
3rd Class	5,132

The Male numbered 4,537 and the Female 844.

Deaths.—335 Patients died and of these 147 died within 24 hours of admission.—The death rate was 6.2 per cent. as compared with 6.16 per cent. in 1925.

Three cases of Rabies were treated without success. The number of cases admitted to hospital suffering from general and local injuries, many of them of a severe nature and ending fatally, was very high, there being over 1,000.

A certain number of beds (about 90 in all) are set aside for the use of third class Asiatic patients who are under the care of the University Medical Staff. This Staff consists of the Honorary Visiting Physician, Surgeon and Gynaecologist, their respective assistants and resident House Officers. There is the closest co-operation between the University Staff and the Government Medical Officers to the best possible interests of the patients.

Out Patients Department.—This is now entirely managed by the University Staff (Government servants are attended to between the hours of 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. by a Government Medical Officer). Patients attend in the morning and afternoon. Teaching clinics are held at certain hours.

Treatment, including medicines and dressings is free of charge. A local practitioner holds a special eye-clinic one afternoon a week.

This Department is a great boon to the poorer class Chinese, and the clinic is largely attended.

16,969 persons attended as out-patients.

27,082 prescriptions were dispensed.

Police Force.—The total number of admissions to hospital was 1,262 (1,889 in 1924 and 1,783 in 1925) made up as follows:—

European	152	nil
Indians	470	2
Cantonese	281	1
Wei Hai Wei	359	1

There has been a great reduction in the incidence of Malaria among the Wei Hai Wei contingent, but the incidence of venereal disease among these men has increased.

Maternity Department.—This consists of a one storeyed building and can accommodate 20 patients. Half of the beds are for first and second class patients (European and Asiatic) under the care of the Government Medical Officers. The other half are for third class Asiatic patients under the care of the University Obstetrical Staff.

Admissions	626
Europeans	50
Indians	32
Japanese	20
Chinese	524
Still Births	22
Miscellaneous (complete and threatened)	20
False labour pains	58
Deaths (infantile)	7
Deaths (Maternal)	8
Twins	5

The Lunatic Asylum.—The Medical Officer of the Civil Hospital was also in charge of the Asylum.

Admissions	200
Discharged (apparently cured)	114
Relieved	135
Transferred to John G. Kerr Hospital, Canton	15
Died	16
Daily Average	24

In past years it has been the custom to transfer a large number of non-British Chinese insane patients to the John G. Kerr Hospital, Canton, to which a grant is made for this service. During the year, owing to the unsettled state of affairs in the Kwong Tung Province, it has only been possible to send fifteen cases.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

September 1.—Queen's Theatre; Jackie Coogan in "Johnny Get Your Hair Cut," and the Broadway Follies.

September 1.—World Theatre; Douglas MacLean in "Seven Keys to Baldpate."

September 1.—Star Theatre, Kowloon; Viola Dana and Robert Agnew in "Wild Oats Lane."

September 1.—Informal Dance at the "Cheer O." 7 p.m.

September 2.—Concert at "Cheer O." 7 p.m.; Variety concert by Entertainment Committee, 7 p.m.

September 3.—Grand Concert at the City Hall, 6.30 p.m.

September 4.—Kowloon Docks band concert, 5 p.m.

October 1.—H.K. & W.G. & M.C.L.'s "Fun o' The Fair," Lee Garden.

Sports.

September 1.—Ping Pong League; T. Institute v. S.C.A.A. (C.C.Y.M.S.).

September 2.—Ping Pong League; St. Peter's Y.M.C. v. C.R.C. (C.C.Y.M.S.).

September 3.—Victoria Recreation Club night fete, 9.15 p.m.

September 3.—H.K. Baseball League; Japanese v. Club de Recreo, Happy Valley Diamond, 4 p.m.

September 3.—Lawn Bowls Division 1, Kowloon Dock v. Tai Koo; Kowloon Bowling Green v. Civil Service; Division II, Yacht Club v. Kowloon C.C.

September 4.—Baseball; Filipinos v. Japanese.

September 5.—Ping Pong League; W.Y.O.B.U. v. St. Louis Club (Y.M.C.A.).

Lammert's Auctions.

September 15.—At Lammert Bros.' Sales Room, valuable properties in the New Territories, 3 p.m.

Meetings.

September 3.—New Territory Agricultural Show Committee meeting, Sheung Shui, 2.30 p.m.

September 5.—Annual meeting of Hong Kong Philharmonic Society at St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

September 5.—Hong Kong Hockey Club meeting, Volunteer Headquarters, 5.30 p.m.

September 6.—Meeting of the Management Committee of the H. K. Football League, Volunteer Headquarters, 5.30 p.m.

September 6.—Sanitary Board meeting, 4.15 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

September 4.—Social gathering in St. John's Cathedral Hall, 6 p.m.

HOUSE IN FLAMES.

Dog Wakes Children.

Brisbane, July 29.

Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Casperson, of Granville, (a suburb of Maryborough) went to visit a neighbour 300 yards away, leaving their four children, the oldest aged 13 years, safely in bed. When returning home at a late hour they were horror-stricken to find their home in flames. Hurrying towards the first they were met at the yard by a cry of the oldest boy (aged 13) who shouted reassuringly, "It's all right, mother, I have got the children."

The boy had been sleeping when he was awakened by the persistent barking of his little brother's pet fox terrier puppy. Although told to lie down, the dog continued barking and the lad became thoroughly awakened, to find that the big two-story building was well alight. Quickly seizing the position he awakened his sister Gloria (10), and brother William (7), almost dragging them to the grass outside, then going back through the flames and smoke for his little brother Brian (aged 4), whom he carried half stupefied by smoke to safety. The boy's head was scorched and his hair singed by the flames, while the bed clothes of the girl which the lad had wrapped round her had big holes burnt in them. The building was burnt to the ground, nothing being saved.

APOLOGY.

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WITH reference to our leader of the 1st instant, headed "That Ferry," and with reference to the letter to the Editor, appearing in our issue of the 4th instant, and written under the name "Sufferer," we have now made further investigation into this matter.

We have come to the conclusion that the statements contained in our leader and "Sufferer's" letter are unwarranted, and incorrect. We consequently tender our sincere apologies and expressions of regret to the Star Ferry Co., Ltd., and to the coxswains who operate their steamers.

THE EDITOR OF THE "CHINA MAIL."

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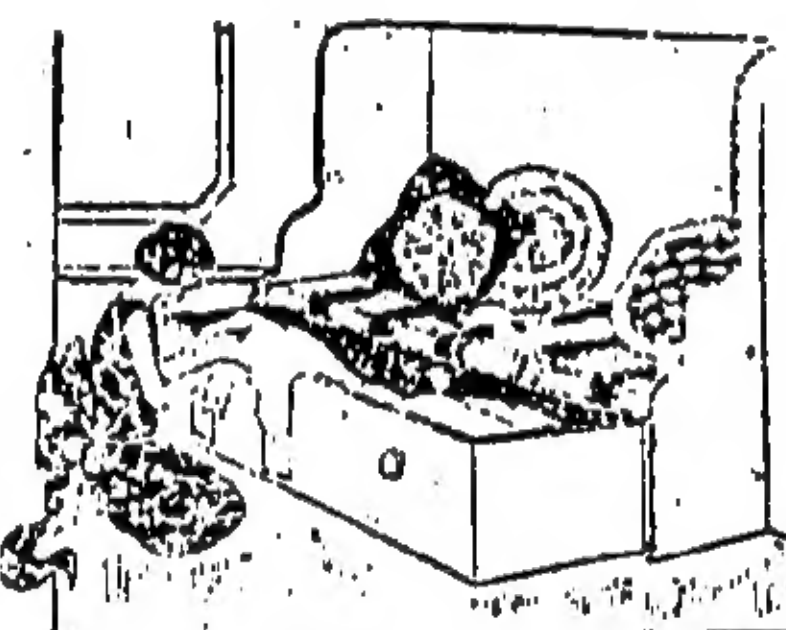
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A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.

The past week has seen a change in the fortunes of the war in China. The Northern advance has been stemmed on the banks of the Yangtze River, where the Nationalists, despite the absence of Chiang Kai-shek, are making a determined stand. The Northerners, for their part, are very confident, and look forward to soon being in Shanghai again, with their chief, Marshal Chang Tso-lin, as virtual ruler of China. Kwangtung and Kwangsi, of course, would not come under his dominance.

The full series of events leading up to the Nationalists' dramatic stand against a superior and victorious force is told in this week's "Overland Mail."

The news of importance so far as Hong Kong is concerned is the piracy of two coastal vessels, one British and the other Chinese owned. In both instances the vessels were taken to Bias Bay. Full stories appear in the "Overland," together with all other local news, including complete sporting and social engagements. Let us send the "Overland" home for you.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The Shanghai "Maimichi" reports that, following the retirement of General Chiang Kai-shek, Communists who have been hiding in Shanghai for some time are starting an extensive campaign in labour circles and are holding secret meetings in Chinese territory in an attempt to revive their activities and regain their former power.

Under a Nanking date line, the "Eastern Times" published an article to the effect that General Li Lien-chun had transmitted a telegram to General Chiang Kai-shek stating that Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang also would resign his position with the Nationalist forces unless General Chiang returned to Nanking and assumed his position as Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist Army.

Gens. Pei Chung-mei and Chow Feng-chi, the principal officers of the troops in charge of the Shanghai martial law area, announce that they have accepted full responsibility for the preservation of law and order and they will use drastic measures if necessary. An additional regiment has been drafted in to support them. Pedestrians now are challenged after 7 p.m. and none but soldiers may be abroad after 10 p.m.

In connection with the present campaign against rabies—mild though the effort is in comparison with what is done in Western countries—it might be of service to point out that for some years veterinary surgeons have been giving injections of compounds held to be preventives, and there is good reason for believing that, even if these are not absolute deterrents, at least they do very considerably lessen the possibility of dogs taking the terrible affliction.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Sir L. Worthington-Evans stated that there are, approximately, 2,700 Section "A" Reservists now serving in China who are due to return this trooping season, though some of this number may volunteer to remain in Army service in China. Apart from the Section "A" Reservists, approximately 1,000 men will be sent back from China for discharge during the current financial year, if the troops remain in China beyond that date.

An alleged report from Peking states that on the first of August a Japanese was arrested at Kwang-chengta and charged with the crime of offering a large supply of ammunition to the brigands. The Japanese is reported to have been conveyed to Harbin under escort and handed over to the Japanese Consulate for investigation.

An unfortunate accident happened recently at Bunga Raya, Malacca. While a Government dog shooter was shooting a stray dog a Chinese, who was walking on the road opposite separated from it by the Malacca River, was hurt in the leg. The shot, being "bird shot," appeared to have spread out, and one of the pellets killed the dog, while another hit the leg of the unfortunate Chinese.

Announcement is made by Mr. H. E. Hillman, Coast Inspector, acting under the Inspector General of Customs, that owing to Chinese naval and military operations, such lights as the Woosung Light, Whangpoo entrance leading light, Lismore buoy, Woosung spit buoy and Quarantine buoy are liable to be extinguished without notice. All mariners are urged to take notice of this announcement.

Japanese papers announce that the Japanese Consul-General at Shanghai has received instructions to oppose the increased tonnage dues and has ordered Japanese shipping companies to deposit the regular dues in the Consulate. In reply to a protest regarding the detention of two Japanese steamers at Ningpo, Mr. Kuo Tai-chi, the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, has stated that he cannot do anything, as the Nanking Government is determined to enforce the increased rates.

Says the "N. C. D. News":—"One does not quite get the meaning of the following paragraph in the 'Hong Kong Telegraph':—"The full list of offences which can be committed by a member of the Hong Kong Police Force is set out in a new table which is published in the last issue of the Government Gazette."—Surely Hong Kong's police are not capable of committing any more offences than anyone else, and it is hoped, and most sincerely believed, that they do not commit any more than the ordinary little lapses from perfection to which all of us are inclined.

An enterprising London firm said that the safest place to put a safe was on the public sidewalk where everyone could see it. They therefore had theirs with the door opening on to the pavement of a busy street. The theory is all right; but it has just been reported that thieves have succeeded in opening it and getting away with \$300.

The strictly censored Chinese newspapers report that Gen. Chen Tiao-yuen, who brought large numbers of infantry and artillerymen to Nanking, was to leave that place for Shanghai. They also report that Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang is on his way to Nanking. General Ho Hing-ying is acting commander-in-chief of the Nanking forces, vice Chiang Kai-shek. He will call a military conference to formulate plans for the composition of a headquarters staff. Several thousand additional retreating Nationalist soldiers have arrived at Chinkiang.

It may be remembered that a few days ago a report was received that gun limbers were being ferried over the Yangtze from north to south but the curious thing was that no guns accompanied them. A report has now reached Shanghai that the reason for this was that the guns had had to be abandoned when Sung Chuang-fang attacked the Nationalist army north of Yangchow, and that only the limbers could be saved. It is said that the Nationalists had never before experienced the effects of heavy guns firing high explosive, and that a considerable demoralisation took place in their ranks, with the consequent loss of the guns.

The programme to be given by the Broadway Follies at all performances in the Queen's Theatre to-day comprises the Mona Vanna dance extraordinary by Miss Helen Cook and Mr. Joseph Cherpino, late principal dancers with the New York midnight revue; the "Quowato," a dance of grace and beauty by Miss Bagdonova and Mr. Kurovsky; a vocal selection by Sgr. Adolfo Bellotti, famous tenor, late star of the Metropolitan Opera Company; and Gypsy Romance, a fantastic dance pantomime of Nomad life by the entire company. The moving picture programme consists of Jackie Coogan's latest picture, "Johnny Get Your Hair Cut" and the usual topical gazette.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. R. G. Viloudaki sails for Japan on the N.Y.K. s.s. "Nagasaki Maru."

Mr. S. B. M. Bremner has returned to Shanghai from Japan, on the N.Y.K. s.s. "Haruna Maru."

Amongst the passengers returning to Shanghai on the P. & O. s.s. "Morea" were Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Beynon and Mr. T. A. Spedding.

Mr. Hans Wiener, who has been on holiday in Japan for the past five weeks, is now at Tsingtao on his way back to Shanghai, where he plans to resume his classes early in September.

Major Charles J. Brown, formerly Chief of the Air Corps, Philippine Department, died at Fort Monroe Post Hospital, Fort Monroe, Virginia, on July 31, according to telegraphic advices received in Manila.

The great organ of the famous Pei Tang Cathedral, Peking, which apparently was hopelessly wrecked by Boxer artillery and rifle fire, has been restored and its music has been heard again after a silence of 27 years.

Mr. E. B. Gregory, manager of the leaf department of the British Cigarette Co., Ltd., who has been in China for the past 20 years, is retiring in the near future and returning with his family to live in America.

It is understood that Mr. R. C. Cussen will act as Deputy Public Prosecutor, Selangor, when Mr. W. Burton takes up duties as acting Legal Adviser, F.M.S., on the departure on leave of the Hon. Mr. W. S. Gibson.

Intermarriage between Japanese and Koreans is increasing. According to a census taken at the end of last year there were 459 mixed households against 227 at the end of 1922. Of these, Japanese having Korean wives numbered 222, and Koreans having Japanese wives 219.

Mr. Won Kenn, son of the late Towkay Wong Kam Tong of Ipoh, has arrived in the Straits from Europe where he has been studying at Lyons University under Prof. Victor Lorey, the distinguished Egyptologist. He obtained his D. L. degree with a thesis on the origin and evolution of hieroglyphic characters and ancient Chinese writing.

The Rev. Bro. Patrick has returned to Penang from a long leave.

The Hon'ble Mr. E. W. F. Gilman (Controller of Labour), and Mrs. and Miss Gilman, have left Penang for a visit to India.

Inspector Leonard, who was an inmate of the Durian Daun hospital, has gone to Singapore for an X-ray examination on 'four weeks' leave.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies has approved the creation of the appointment of Chief Chemist, Institute for Medical Research, F.M.S.

News has been received in Rangoon of the death in England of Capt. P. W. E. Jones, Cargo Superintendent of the E. I. S. N. Co., which took place in London.

The engagement is announced between Mr. Arthur Dyer Ball, who recently left Hong Kong on transfer to the post of Legal Draftsman to the Attorney General, Ceylon, and Miss Dorothy Redfern Robinson, fourth daughter of the late Colonel and Mrs. Redfern Robinson.

Dr. Wu Lien-teh (Gnch Lean-tuck), the plague expert, is expected in Malaya in the latter part of October on his way to India to attend the seventh congress of the Far Eastern Association of Tropical Medicine which opens at Calcutta on Dec. 5. Dr. Wu Lien-teh, who has many relatives and friends in Malaya, will stay there for about a fortnight.

Mr. Charles Chamier's "Our Cabaret" company, after successful seasons in Kowloon and Hong Kong, leaves to-morrow for Shanghai by the P. and O. s.s. "Cyber," opening at the Carlton Theatre on September 7. Miss Aileen Woods has joined the company and in her absence her sister, Miss Doris Woods, will carry on the dancing instruction at her studio in Beaconsfield Arcade.

Mr. Kiang Chia-mei, the new magistrate of the Shanghai district, has issued a proclamation stating that the yamen has been reorganised and now is to be known as the Shanghai Hsien Government. Its functions will include collecting land taxes, and other minor matters also will be performed by it. The municipal administration is to be placed entirely in the hands of the Shanghai Municipal Government (Chinese).

Miss Louise B. Wilson has returned to Shanghai from a holiday spent in Peking and the north.

Col. L. M. Cosgrave, Canadian Trade Commissioner, has recovered from a recent attack of pneumonia and now has left the hospital.

Dr. C. C. Taffs, Medical Officer, Seremban has been transferred to Kuala Lumpur. Dr. F. L. Patterson, of Kuala Lumpur, is acting for him until the arrival of Dr. R. G. Keays from home.

The death took place at sea between New Zealand and Australia, on July 29, of Mr. D. D. Rankine, proprietor of Messrs. D. D. Rankine and Co., stockbrokers, Kuala Lumpur.

Among passengers to Malaya by the "Mongolia" are the Hon. Sir Hayes Marriott, C.M.G., and Lady Marriott, Sir Evan and Lady Jones, and the Rev. G. H. Douglas and Mrs. Douglas.

The wedding took place at St. George's Church, Penang, of Mr. J. T. Tabbers, of Tandiang Balei, Asahan, Sumatra, and Miss Lona Metz, of Medan, Sumatra. The Rev. Keppel Garnier officiated.

Suicide while of unsound mind was recorded at an inquest on July 9 on Lt.-Col. Thomas Samuel Beauchamp Williams, aged 50, formerly Labour M. P. for the Kensington Division of Lambeth, who was found gassed at his home in Curator Street, London, W.C.

The High Commissioner has awarded the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration to Major F. J. Ayris of the Pahang Volunteer Infantry and the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal to Private St. John B. Jonklaas of the Malay States Volunteer Regiment.

Resealing of exemplification of the will of the late Mr. Alister St. Clair Campbell, of Shanghai, who died on January 31, has been granted to Mr. E. Davidson, solicitor, of Hastings, Dendys & Bowley, the attorney of Mr. Kenneth Lora Campbell, one of the executors. Deceased bequeaths legacies of \$1,200 each to his two sisters, and \$600 to his brother. The remainder of his estate is left to his wife, together with property, the estate to be later divided among children and grandchildren. Estate in Hong Kong is valued at \$12,000. Estate in Shanghai and England is not known.

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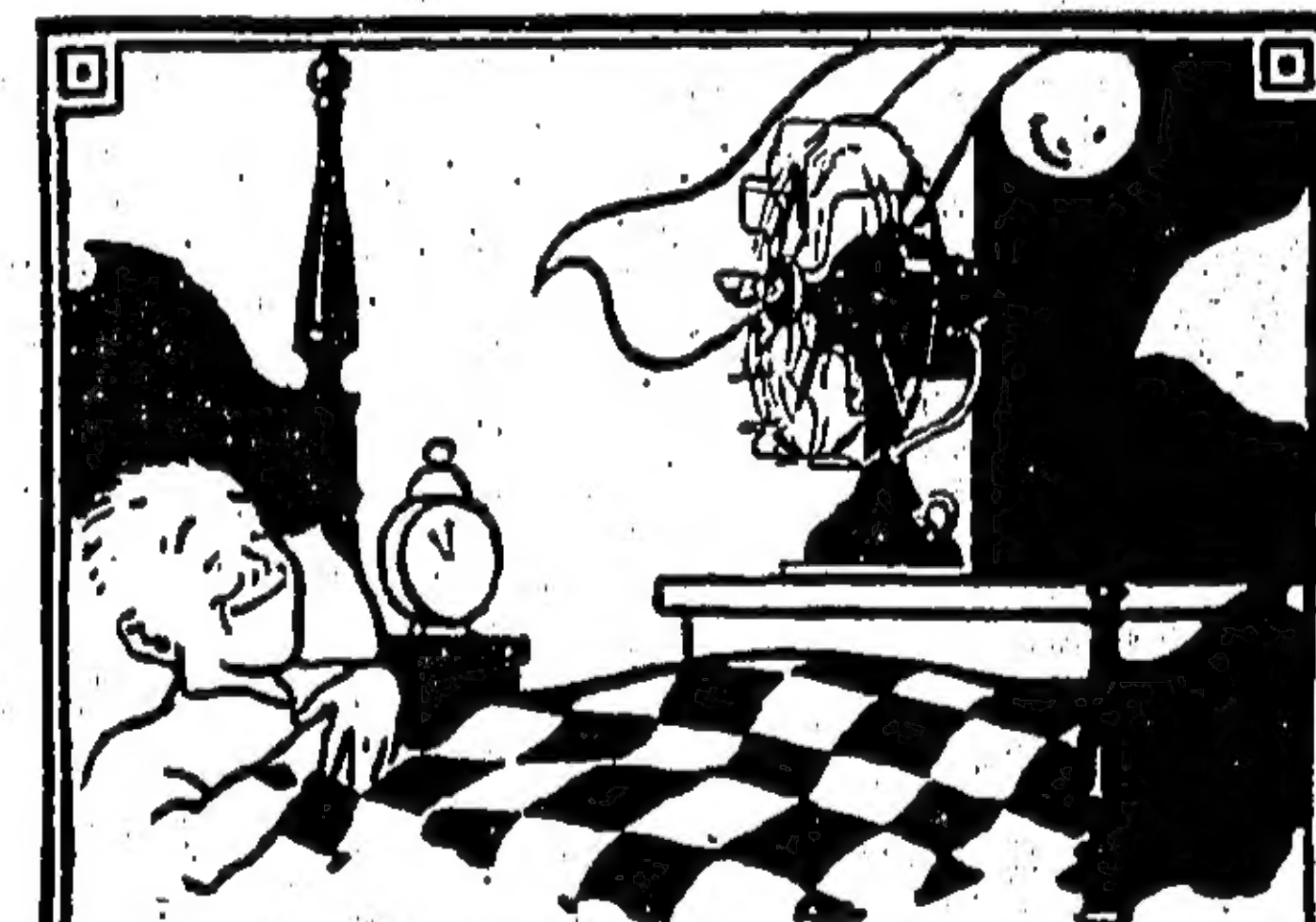
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A LIKELY TEAM.

The main topic of interest in cricket society is the tour to South Africa, and everyone is watching the progress of young players who might be taken, writes Tom Shepherd. There have been many suggestions as to who might go and who are worthy of consideration, but it is not generally realised how difficult is the task before the selectors.

It is easy to say that the team for South Africa should be selected with a view to the later one for Australia, but in practice, such an idea is hardly possible. The two different countries for cricket, than Australia and South Africa, cannot be imagined. I have not been to either, but I am basing my remarks upon what I have been told by players who have been to both.

Even so, this does not affect me to any extent, and, what is more important, is the fact that cricket in South Africa is played under entirely different conditions from those existing here.

In the first place, cricket is played upon matting wickets out there, and the difference between that and grass is enough to make a man selected upon his English form a total failure in South Africa. Therefore, the selectors have an extra difficult task. They have to decide who are fit, upon their English form, to go on the tour, and, at the same time, take into consideration the players who might do well under the changed conditions; and that is not easy.

There is no reliable way of telling who might do well out there, and it might be suggested that a trial match played upon a matting wicket would go a long way towards solving some of the difficulty.

I think it would help, but there are arguments against such an adoption. You can only play two teams in a match, and the best of players fail sometimes, so if you eliminated men who failed in this one match, you might be eliminating a player who, in another match or in a series of games upon matting wickets, would succeed.

It might be considered that when we are playing trial matches for a South African tour, they should be played as near to the conditions over there as possible. It is slightly revolutionary, but it seems the only way of getting some real line upon possibilities who might do well out in Africa.

Memories of the good men who have been taken to Africa and failed to find their best form only emphasise the fact that something should be done to help matters.

Then, one must not forget the suggestions about taking some young players to Africa. They will play in Test Matches, and whether the games be against South Africa or Australia, they are important to the young player. It is their big chance, and, if they fail because of conditions not suited to their style, then it is a cricket tragedy and some of their confidence might be shattered. Confidence is a big thing in cricket, and we cannot afford to have our young players losing any of the asset.

These difficulties are well-known to the men who will choose the team for the tour this winter, but are, perhaps, not so well-known by the cricket follower. At the same time, if he is thinking of forecasting some of the players who might go, then he should first try to overcome these difficulties before thinking of the men he would select if picking a team.

I would look around for young players, but would, at the same time, remember that older and wiser heads give stability to a team. A happy blend of youth and experience would be my aim.

Because I have not been to South Africa and do not, from actual experience know what is wanted, I must accept what I have been told and use that in conjunction with the knowledge I have of matting wickets as they are in this country when used for practice.

The ball will rise up and it will turn, it will do most things the bowler desires and these facts tell me that the batsmen have to be very careful and watch the ball keenly.

Jack Russell.

Looking around for batsmen, Jack Russell occurs immediately to my mind. This Essex batsman always does well in Africa and he is far from being a spent force. He would be in my side. Going in early, he would give confidence to those who were not so used to the wickets—he would be my first choice for the experienced section of the team.

Sanham, of my own club, would go in, because I know how well he watches the ball and how reliable he is, and the same can be said of Sutcliffe and Holmes, the Yorkshire pair. We all know how Sutcliffe rises, to the big occasion, and Holmes is a sound bat.

Hammond, of course, is a certainty. Larwood, too, might be called the same thing.

There, however, is one who is talked about, but not to the same extent. Northants have a left-arm fast bowler called Clark. Now I have watched this player, and there is not another left-arm bowler in the country quite like him. He is fast and mixes his deliveries really well. He bowls both the kind that come into you and those that go away. I think I should include Clark.

Sibbles, of Lancashire, is sure to be considered, and I place him in the class of those who might go. He is a really sound bowler who possesses excellent length and has a nasty habit of making the ball run away from the batsman at the last moment. He might easily be very successful on matting.

Among the amateurs, we have a player at The Oval who is a great batsman—Mr. D. R. Jardine. At the moment, this player is batting excellently and I can't see how he can be left out.

There are other amateurs who can be considered, and I don't think there will be much difficulty in that direction. I don't know how the young 'Varsity players are affected for this tour, but there are several who may play up to the standard required. There is M. J. Allom and E. W. Dawson of Cambridge. They impressed me very much when I played against them.

For wicket-keeper, perhaps young Ames, of Kent, will get a chance. He is a sound man behind the stumps whilst his figures prove

LAWN BOWLS.

Will Club Secretaries or Bowls Conveners kindly send in teams for Saturday's League games in time to be published in our issue of Friday?

clearly that he is a bat above the average. If a second stumper is required Lilley, of Nottingham, may not be left behind.

There are plenty of young players such as O'Connor, of Essex, Berry of Leicestershire and Barling of Surrey; their turn will come. Some of them may get a chance this time or they may have to wait, but the chance is coming.

Now to talk about a player who I know to be sound right through, but, who, to the best of my knowledge has only played in one big game—a Gentleman v. Players match at the Oval. He is Alan Peach. Look around the country and find a number 7 or 8 who can go in and get runs like this man. He gets fifty, sixty, seventy or eighty many times in a season, and how often does he fall with the bat? Very rarely.

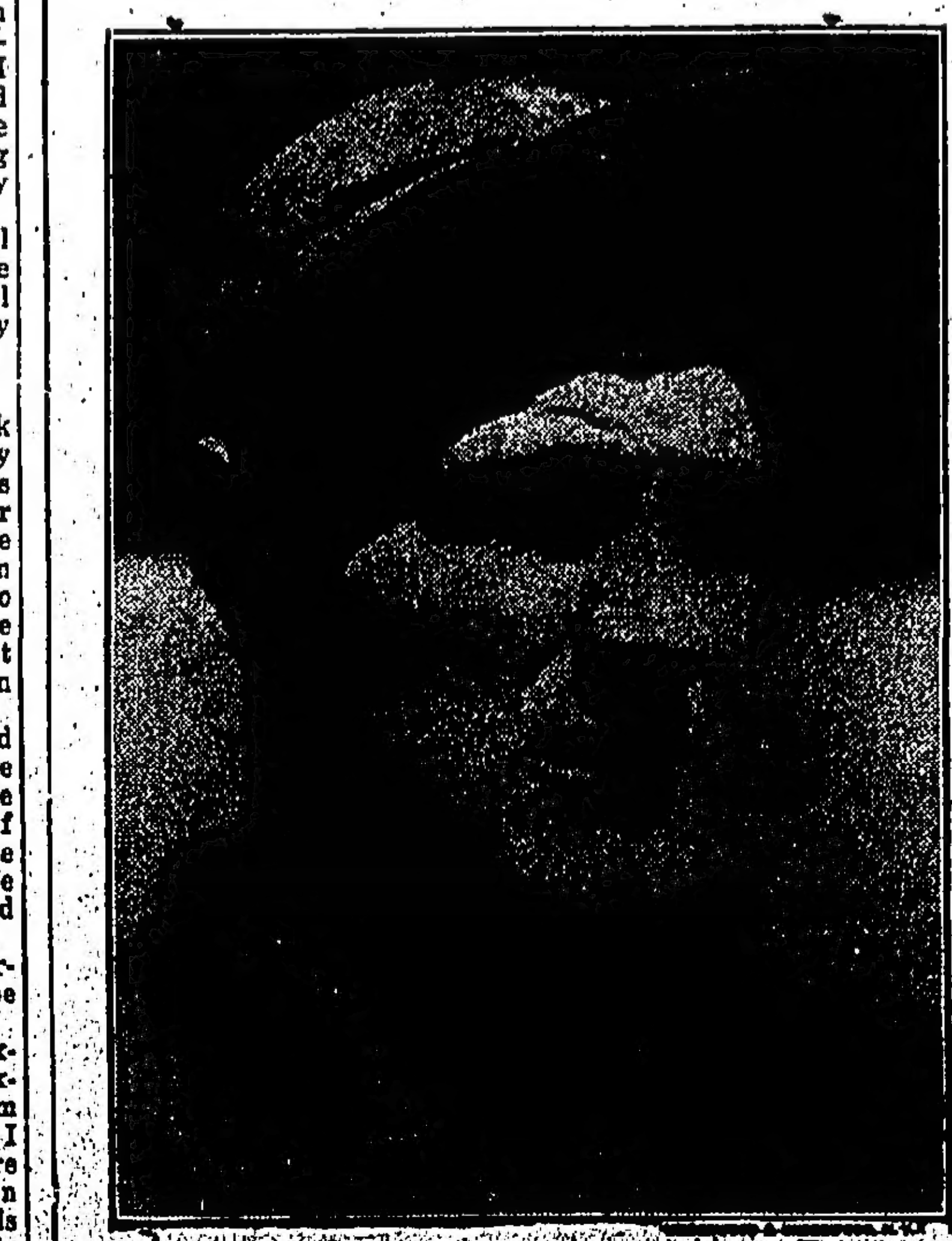
Yet he is a bowler and a good one at that; he can field anywhere and is a real all-rounder. Above all he is an entertaining cricketer. There is no half measures about him, he gets runs, and gets them to delight the crowd. I cannot think of a better man for a tour; he is a sound cricketer in every way. He would be in my team and deserves to be in the actual one.

These are but a few suggestions of my own, and are of no account to the selectors. Whether our opinions tally, we must wait to see.

RECORD CRICKET SEASON.

Which season of modern cricket has produced the most remarkable series of performances? It would probably be difficult to beat 1906. In that summer there were four records set up, each of outstanding merit.

Hayward scored 3,518 runs and thirteen centuries; Hirst scored his wonderful "double"—2,385 runs, and two hundred and eight wickets; Fielder took all ten wickets in the century match at Lord's, and J. N. Crawford, when only 19, scored 1,000 runs and took one hundred wickets. No season before or since has produced four performances on quite the same plane of excellence as those of 1906.



Len Beal, first batsman of the New York Yankees and leading batsman of the American League, who in a cross-race with Babe Ruth for the "home run" record.

GOLF NOTES.

MR. R. T. JONES'S GREAT TRIUMPH.

A WONDER PLAYER.

St. Andrews.

"I have achieved the ambition of my life," said Mr. R. T. Jones, after he had won the championship on the historic St. Andrews links. "Whatever I have done in the past, or whatever I do in the future, does not matter two straws," he added. "I have won at St. Andrews, the shrine of the game, a link I love most of all, because it breathes and radiates golf. I am happy, not because I am supposed to have accomplished something that has never been done before, but because I have won at a place where golf was played nearly five centuries ago. This wonderful experience will live in my memory until my dying day. If I never win anything again, he said, 'I am satisfied.'"

It is not difficult to understand Mr. Jones's feelings. To triumph at St. Andrews, where every butcher, baker, and candlestick-maker—plays and understands golf, where young and old Tom Morris, the giant figures of the game, held sway for so many years, where the great masters of golf, the triumvirate living to-day have earned fame, is something of which any golfer would be immensely proud. But to win, as Mr. Jones won, with a marvellous score—285, or three under 4's for 72 holes—and to smash all previous records in the process, is a feat that positively staggers the imagination. Never in its long history has St. Andrews been treated so disrespectfully, never has a man dared to play four consecutive rounds during the throes of a championship in figures that make the classic links look so very ordinary; but never, I make bold to say, will a golfer, British or American, unless it be Mr. Jones himself, should ever come to St. Andrews again, perform the same amazing feat as we have just witnessed.

A Suburban Level.

I can picture the ghosts of the famous men of the past rising in their wrath to protest against this exhibition of indecency. "Outrageous!" they will shriek on hearing that a young man, a boy really, has reduced beloved St. Andrews to the level of a suburban course. It is inhuman, of course, but why is it that it should be left to one man to perform what would have been regarded as miraculous? The answer is perfectly simple; because there never has been a golfer who strikes the ball so accurately and with such perfect control as Mr. Jones. Give him an ordinarily sized dining-room carpet and I am convinced that he will place the ball on the middle of it with any club from any distance up to 250 yards.

Mr. Jones is the Cinquevali of golf; he seems to know to an inch where the ball will drop, and how far it will run. He has reduced the playing of the many and varied shots in golf to a science, but over and above all that judges distances to the fraction of an inch. This is a wonderful asset to a man who sees the flag waving in the distance, and can sum up exactly how far it is, and what club is necessary to encompass the distance. Mr. Jones possesses this instinct to a

very marked degree, more marked than in any golfer I have yet met.

All the celebrated players of games have been gifted with unusual keenness of eyesight, men like W. G. Grace, F. S. Jackson and Hobbs being able to follow the flight of the ball from the moment it leaves the bowler's hands to the moment it reaches the bat. One swift glance down the course is sufficient to give Mr. Jones the clue not only to the distance, but the exact type of shot required. He seldom takes a second look, and there is never any hesitation as regards the particular club to be employed; out it comes from the bag and away goes the shot.

Self-Reliance.

I suppose there is no other golfer who relies completely upon his own judgment as does Mr. Jones. Never once during the whole of the championship did he ask the advice of his caddy, a man who knows every inch of St. Andrews, how any shot should be played, or whether there were any hidden pitfalls ahead. Of conversation there was not a syllable during the playing of these fateful rounds; neither ever spoke to the other and all the caddy did was to hold out the bag of clubs, sixteen implements in all, for Mr. Jones to



William T. Tilden and Francis T. Hunter, American tennis stars, playing in the singles and doubles at Wimbledon. Photo shows Hunter (left), Tilden (right).

make his own selection. The only occasion on which the two indulged in any sort of conversation was when Mr. Jones came to play his last approach shot of the championship. There was a delay of ten minutes before a lane could be cleared through the dense mob of excited folk so that Mr. Jones could get a sight of the green; Mr. Jones and his caddy sat down beside the ball and it was then that Mr. Jones, a little pale and anxious looking, addressed his first and only remark to the caddy. "Gee," he said, "this is terrible," glancing at the crowd of 20,000 people pushing hither and thither and hemming him on all sides, "but I hope we shan't have to sit here all night." If the truth were known Mr. Jones was just as excited as the rest of the people, though there was little evidence of it in his demeanour.

If the fate of the championship had hung on this one shot I shudder to think of what might have happened, for it is no joke to play a delicate approach of 100 yards over a big hollow with a mob yelling in your ears. There are few men who would not have been considerably affected by the awful ordeal. That Mr. Jones should win the greatest championship of all two years in succession is wonderful; that he should win it with a score that beats all previous records by six strokes is more wonderful still. The standard he has set is so high that it is unlikely it will ever be approached in this generation, at any rate. Granted that the conditions were favourable to Mr. Jones's methods and style of play—very little wind and the ground holding so that the ball could be pitched up to the pin, and the putts struck with a certain amount of boldness—his score is phenomenal, more especially when it is remembered that there are only two short holes where one can reasonably expect to set 3's. It can only be concluded that Mr. Jones is a genius in the art of manipulating so wayward an object as a golf ball.

A Simple Style.

The wonder is that more golfers have not attempted to copy Mr. Jones's style, which is simplicity itself, and so perfectly natural, in complete contradiction to the many weird and ungainly styles that one meets. In the first place, the feet in the stance are close together, with the arms hanging loosely by the sides of the body. The grip with the left hand is tight, while the right is brought well over the shaft farther over than is the

case with the majority of golfers. As regards the back swing, it is so slow that it almost seems indolent, but the main feature of the movement is the body pivot, the hips turning on a swivel that they appear to be rotating on wheels. There is nothing lazy about the down swing; it is conducted at great speed, and the punch at impact is terrific. The American's driving in the last two rounds was the finest exhibition of wooden club play I have yet witnessed. It was quite as powerful and as long as Mitchell's, and much more accurate as regards direction and placing.

Mr. Jones kept up an average of 275 yards, some of the shots being over 300. For instance, at the fifth hole, which measures 530 yards, he was over the green with a drive and a spoon shot, while at the fourteenth, a hole of the same length, where the notorious 'Hell' bunker spreads itself across the course, Mr. Jones was on the edge of the green with two gorgeous wooden club shots. At this hole the wind, what there was of it, was against the player. If one club more than any other helped Mr. Jones to win the championship it was his driver.

Though the United States has now captured the championship six times in the last seven years,

"MAN'S DESCENT."

DARWINIAN THEORY FUNDAMENTALS.

PRESIDENT OF BRITISH ASSOCIATION'S ADDRESS.

London, Yesterday.

Sir Arthur Keith, in his Presidential Address to the British Association at Leeds on "Darwin's Theory of Man's Descent As It Stands To-day," said that an enormous body of new evidence had accumulated during the past 56 years, but the fundamentals of Darwin's outline of man's history remained unshaken.

Sir Arthur Keith was convinced that it never can be shaken that man had been traced through fossil remains and stone implements backwards to the beginning of the Pleistocene Period, at least for 200,000 years—perhaps thrice that amount—and that man had even been traced into an earlier Pliocene Period, which had endured for at least a quarter of a million years.

Man's Rise.

All evidence supported the conclusion that man had arisen, as Lamarck and Darwin suspected, from the anthropoid ape, which was not on a higher zoological scale than the chimpanzee and that the date at which the human anthropoid lines of descent diverge lies near the beginning of the still earlier Miocene Period.

On a modest scale of reckoning that gave man the respectable antiquity of about a million years.

All the evidence gathered by anatomists, embryologists, physiologists and psychologists supported the conclusion that man's brain evolved from the brain of the anthropoid ape, and that in the process no new structure had been introduced and no new or strange faculty interpolated.—Reuter.

Darwin Memorial.

Sir Arthur Keith, replying to a vote of thanks after his presidential address, announced that the Council of the Association intended to arrange the purchase of Charles Darwin's house and its surroundings in Bromley, Kent for the nation as a memorial to Darwin.—Reuter.

DIPHTHERIA.

Success of Schick Test.

Great success is being gained in the world-wide war against diphtheria with the "Schick test and immunisation process," according to the medical Research Council's report, issued in London.

Introduced by Professor Bela Schick, of Vienna, in 1913, the process consists of a minute injection of diluted diphtheria toxin into the skin of the left forearm, the subsequent reaction showing whether the subject requires to be immunised by inoculation of a toxin-antitoxin preparation, which is standardised in the laboratory. America has led the way in the wholesale use of this test, and, April last year 2,000,000 injections of the toxin-antitoxin had been given in New York State alone. A campaign was started in 1926 with the hope of completely obliterating the disease by 1930.

Dr. J. Graham Forbes draws the special attention of the public to the need for protecting child life by this means, especially in London, where his inquiry shows a higher rate of incidence and mortality than any other European capital or large city in Great Britain from diphtheria.

The conclusion he reaches is that this test constitutes "one of the most notable advances in the sphere of preventive medicine." By its systematic adoption there would be a great yearly saving of child life. It has been estimated that the total cost of immunising London school children would be about £70,000. In 1921 the cost of diphtheria to London ratepayers alone was £500,000.

Scotland leads the way in Great Britain, according to the report. "Including those in hospitals and schools, the total number of persons immunised in Scotland is more than double those immunised in England and Wales, or about 18 times as many in proportion to the population."

"The evidence already available leaves no doubt that the disease and its often fatal consequences may now fairly be called avoidable," adds the Council.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Yesterday.

Paris	124
New York	4.86 5/32
Brussels	34.92
Geneva	25.21 1/4
Amsterdam	12.13 1/4
Milan	89.85
Berlin	20.43
Stockholm	18.11
Copenhagen	18.16
Oso	18.85
Vienna	84.48 1/2
Prague	100 1/4
Madrid	28.78
Lisbon	2 11/32
Athens	387 1/2
Bucharest	785
Rio	5 27/32
Buenos Aires	47 1/2
Bombay	1 1/8 29/32
Shanghai	2 1/4
Hong Kong	1 1/16 1/8
Yokohama	2 1/8 1/16
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Credits 4 months' sight	2 7/16
Documentary 4 months' sight	2 9/16

On Paris—

On demand	1205
Credits 4 months' sight	1280

On Berlin—

On demand	130 1/2
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On New York—

On demand	47 1/2
Credits 60 days' sight	49 1/2

On Bombay—

Wire	130 1/2
On demand	130 1/2

On Calcutta—

Wire	130 1/2
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On Singapore—

On demand	84 1/2
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On Manila—

On demand	95 1/2
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On Shanghai—

On demand	79 1/2
30 day's sight (private par)	—

On Yokohama—

On demand	100 1/4
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per taal)	—

Sovereigns

buying rate (Bank's)	9.90
Silver (per oz.)	25 8/16

Bar Silver in Hong

Kong	1 1/2 prem.
Chinese Copper Cents	nom.
Chinese Copper Cash	6 1/2 pm.

Rate of Native Inter-

est	7 1/2 pm.
Chinese Sub. Conn.	29 1/2 dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	par

THE SHARE MARKET.

Stock. Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

T.T. on London	1/11 1/2
T.T. on Shanghai	79 1/2

Bank.

Hongkong Bank	\$107 1/4
Chartered Bank	\$20
Mercantile A. & B.	\$32

Marine Insurance.

Canton Insurance	\$590
China Underwriters	\$1 1/2
North China Insurance	\$148

Union Insurance

Yonghe Insurance	\$37 M.
China Fire Insurance	\$210
H.K. Fire Insurance	\$600

Shipping.

Douglases	\$33
H.K. Steamships	\$21 1/2
E.L. & L. Lighters	\$60

Indo-China (S.S.)

do. (S.S.)	\$50
Shell Transports	\$48
Star Ferries	\$54.60

Water-boats

Refineries	\$17
China Sugars	\$15
Malayan Sugars	\$32

Mining.

Benguet	\$1.70
Kailan Mining Ad.	49 1/2
Langkate (Combined)	\$18

do. (Single)

Shanghai Exploration	\$3
Shanghai Loans	\$78
Roads	\$12.5

Tromp Mines

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THE WORLD OF BOOKS

A TRAVEL BOOK.

WHITE WOMAN IN TIBET.

Madame Alexandra David-Neel's title of the only white woman who has penetrated to the heart of Tibet, and entered the forbidden city of Lhasa promises well for the interest of her book, "My Journey to Lhasa" (Heinemann, 21s); but, in fact, her book surpasses its promise. It belongs to the upper ten of travel books by reason of merits as well as advantages which few possess. The commonality of travellers do not get to the heart alike of a country and of its people as Madame Alexandra David-Neel has done. Before the journey here described she had spent years in studying in and around Tibet the language and habits of the Tibetans. Then, accompanied only by the young "red" lama who is her adopted son, she set out disguised as a poor pilgrim to defy discovery and reach the closely-guarded capital. She succeeded not only in entering Lhasa but also in living there for two months, during which she witnessed the New Year festivities.

Insight and Sympathy.

The charm of the book lies as much in the insight and sympathy shown in the lives of the peasants as in the excitement of attaining so difficult a goal. For eight months the author and her companion journeyed through a country much of which is unknown and unmaped. There is plenty of information for geographers here. There are also adventures with robbers, perils of the route itself, of the weather, and of starvation. But, despite innumerable hardships this remarkable lady never loses her zest or intensity of observation. "Is not everything a fairy tale in this extraordinary country," she exclaims, "even to the name it gives itself, that of Kham Yul, the land of snows?" Her opinion of the working of British influence on the government of Tibet is by no means uniformly favourable; she is of French birth and with no partiality for British official methods. Yet her evident liking for English people as individuals is the least of the reasons for congratulating ourselves that she has chosen to write this notable record in English.

MR. H. G. WELLS.

STRIKE NOVEL PUBLISHED.

Mr. H. G. Wells's long expected strike novel, entitled "Meanwhile," has been published at Home. It suggests that the Government deliberately fostered the strike in order to win the general election, and that it tried to persuade soldiers and sailors to club and shoot down the strikers.

The hero, Philip Rylands, voices odious insinuations against everyone who does not hold with Mr. Wells's social, political and economic opinions. Following a conference with Mr. Baldwin, Rylands, in a typical outburst, says: "If there does happen to be a last judgment, Master Stanley will be put through it hard and good. 'Put that pipe down, sir,' a great flaming angel will say, 'we want to see your face.'"

Rylands describes Mr. Winston Churchill as "gone clean off his head. He has not been as happy since he crawled on his belly and helped snipe in Sidney Street."

Rylands goes on "Winston probably would be certifiable, but no doctor can get near him."

"An owl-like jinx" is a pleasant reference to the Home Secretary (Sir W. Joynson-Hicks).

Mr. Wells's hero is not content to rate the Government. He also castigates the leaders of the Labour Party who are described as having "neither the grit to prevent a general strike nor the grit to keep on with it."

Incidentally the novel includes a violent attack on Mussolini and the Fascists. "Castor oil cads with loaded canes" is his description of the Black Shirts.

VICTORIAN COURT.

MEMOIRS OF A MAID OF HONOUR.

The collection of "The Letters of Lady Augusta Stanley" has been followed by another volume which adds appreciably to our understanding of Queen Victoria and her Court. "Mary Ponsonby" is a memoir, edited by her daughter, of a lady who, as Miss Bary Bulteel, was appointed in the early fifties a maid of honour to the Queen and after spending eight years in that capacity married Sir Henry Ponsonby, Her Majesty's private secretary. Lady Ponsonby died in 1916 at the age of 84, and her letters and journal, which supply most of the material for this volume, record her impressions of people and events over a long period. She reveals herself as of a more critical temperament than Lady Augusta Stanley. She evidently had no very high opinion of the Prince Consort, for instance. She complains of "his way of treating the household" (i.e. the equerries, maids of honour and so on) as "not very civil" and "rather too like a master of a house scolding servants to be pleasant to those who were bound to listen in silence." He failed, we are told, to make a single great friend among the Ministers or even among the household. As for his sense of fun, which had been so much talked of, Lady Ponsonby could never discover it. He went into immoderate fits of laughter at his own practical joke, and his own jokes were "heavy and lumbering."

There is a pathetic picture here of the loneliness of the Empress Frederick when cooped up in the Palace at Berlin and spied upon by the servants so that she "could not help sitting down to cry." In a letter dated 1899, the Empress writes to Lady Ponsonby: "The continued abuse showered on everything English every day makes me so savage that I long to be a man sometimes and knock someone down." It appears from the correspondence printed in this volume that Lady Ponsonby was in touch with George Eliot, A. C. Benson, Sir Edmund Gosse, and other notabilities of the literary world. At one time she was much under the influence of John Stuart Mill and Herbert Spencer—rather a surprising fact to be recorded of a member of the Royal entourage.

From Page to Ambassador.

Court life figures also in the reminiscences of Sir Arthur Hardinge, for he started as page to Queen Victoria. The pages at that time, so he tells us, "were sometimes inclined to over-estimate themselves at the ball suppers and to drink more champagne than was good for them, so that they were not always quite sober or steady when they had to walk back in the procession in the charge of Her Majesty's train." But the book, as its title suggests—"A Diplomat in Europe"—is mainly occupied by its author's career in the diplomatic service, which took him to Spain (twice), Russia, Roumania, Belgium, and Portugal. He reveals no scandalous secrets, but he relates many entertaining anecdotes. One of the funniest is his story of the bewilderment of the Russian secret police, who had stolen a British colleague's learned attempts to construct paradigms of Finnish irregular verbs under the impression that the incomprehensible manuscript contained the secret cypher of the Foreign Office. Sir Arthur Hardinge was a contemporary of Sir Rennell Rodd at Balliol in Jewett's time, and this book reminds us of the latter's "Social and Diplomatic Memories" in the impression it gives of the high standard of culture which many of our diplomats bring to the discharge of their responsibilities abroad.

G. K. CHESTERTON.

COMMENTS ON COLLECTED POEMS.

"The Collected Poems of G. K. Chesterton" (Palmer, 10s. 6d.) gathers, for the first time, all of Mr. Chesterton's poetry into one volume, from his first book (1900) to the "Ballad of St. Barbara" (1922). It includes, of course, his long "Ballad of the White Horse" (1911), and his brilliant group of songs from "The Flying Inn." There is added a large batch of entirely new poems, all marked as strongly as ever with the author's individuality. Mr. Chesterton is a popular poet. The appeal of much of his work is striking and immediate. We may apply the words Lowell used of a great eighteenth century satirist—he has a surprising extemporaneous vigour of mind, and his phrase carries great weight of blow. This muscular part of his work will not outlast the passion of the moment, though for the moment it has all the greater force; but there is still much of his poetry independent of the hour only, born from a profounder inspiration, a more permanent though not necessarily deeper emotion, and fired in a more enduring furnace.

His Chief Poetic Virtue.

Mr. Chesterton's habit of making strange antitheses serve simple purposes is not limited to his poetry. Spontaneity is his chief poetic virtue and the cause of most of his defects. It is a case, no often, where art must give way to nature. Another phase of his thought is shown in the mystical significance that may be developed from a common object, so ordinary perhaps, that the man in the street will pass it by unnoticed. Social injustice stirs his hot indignation, but man's neglect awakens his sorrowful anger. Against political misdeeds he delivers stinging blows; but for his finest satire we turn to the terrific irony of "The Wild Knight." It is when he "shakes his spear at all the stars" that his rhetoric rises to the thunder of splendid lines. There is always colour and a swinging music in his verse; but only when his vigour is concentrated does he brighten to the rare perfection of "The Nativity" and a few kindred poems. In such, Mr. Chesterton is of the lineage of Francis Thompson; while, in his lighter phases, his place is with Byron and H. D. Traill, not with Macaulay or Kipling.

EMERSON'S POETRY.

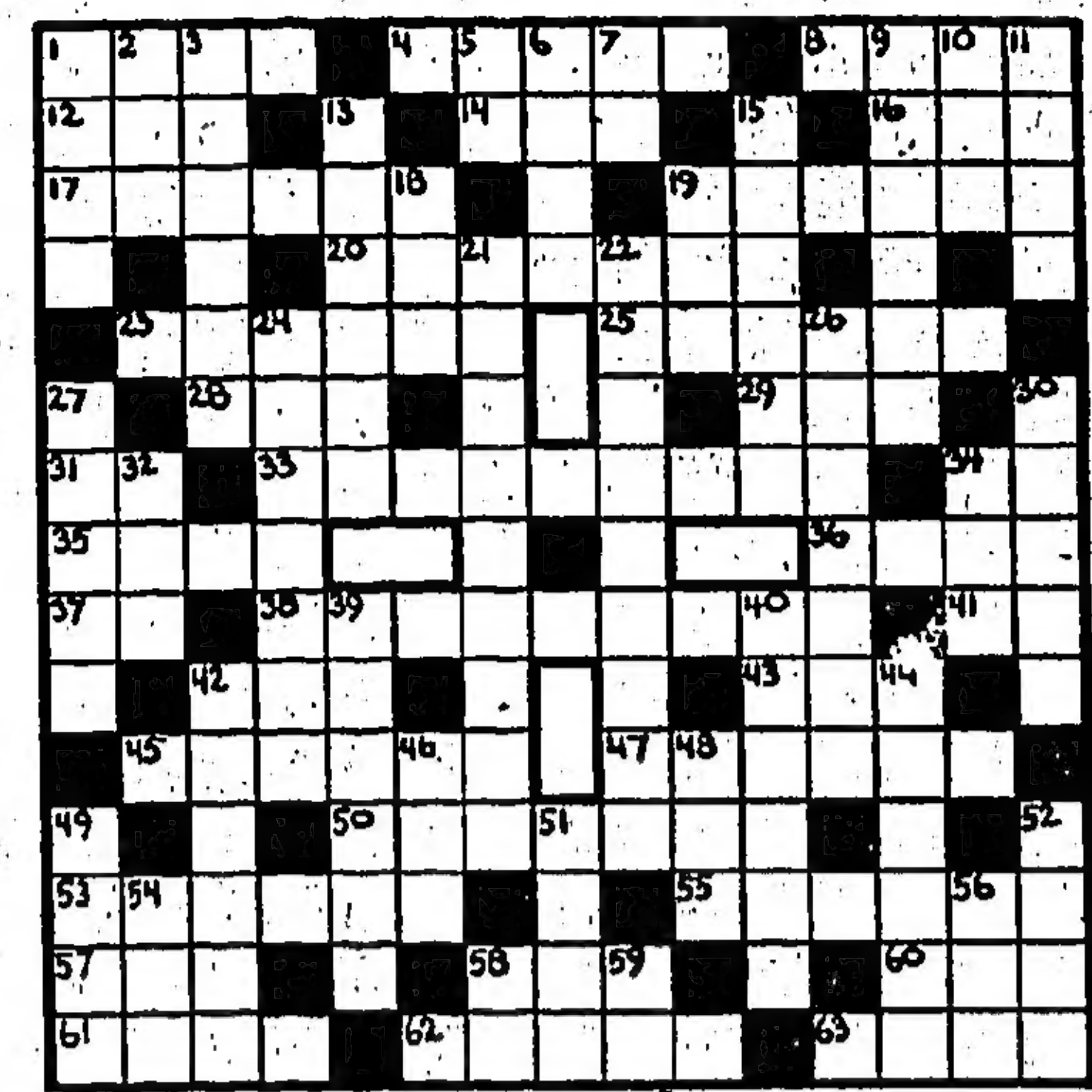
It is very hard to speak of Mr. Emerson's poetry; not to do it injustice, still more to do it justice. It seems to me like the robe of a New England housewife. The royal tint and stuff are unmistakable, but here and there the gray worsted from the darning-needle crosses and akes out the Tyrian purple. Few poets who have written so little in verse have dropped so many of those "jewels five words long" which fall from their setting only to be more choicely treasured. *El pluribus unum* is scarcely more familiar to our ears than "He builded better than he knew," and Keats's "thing of beauty" is little better known than Emerson's "beauty is its own excuse for being." One may not like to read Emerson's poetry because it is sometimes careless, almost as if carefully so, though never undignified even when slipshod; spotted with quaint archaisms and strange expressions that sound like the affection of negligence, or with plain, homely phrases such as the self-made scholar is always afraid of. But if one likes Emerson's poetry he will be sure to love it; if he loves it, its phrases will cling to him as hardly any others do. It may not be for the multitude, dust and penetrates to the consciousness it is to fertilise and bring to flower and fruit.—From one of Holmes's Addresses.

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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1-A river of Germany
- 4-Ventured
- 8-To pack
- 12-Grassy field
- 14-To shut in
- 16-East
- 17-A great Nile dam
- 19-Smoke-pipe
- 20-To demand the return of
- 23-Having four leaves to the sheaf
- 26-A lane
- 28-A compass point (abbr.)
- 29-Sooner than
- 31-Within
- 32-Capable of being adapted
- 34-On a higher place
- 35-A noisy blow
- 36-To relieve
- 37-Conjunction
- 38-The act of ruining
- 40-Each (abbr.)
- 42-A kitchen utensil
- 43-A color
- 45-A vegetable
- 47-Remains

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 50-Tropical fruit (pl.)
- 53-Turning like a wheel
- 57-Destiny
- 58-Kept out of sight
- 60-Girl's name
- 61-Paradise
- 62-Sustains
- 63-Monkeys

VERTICAL

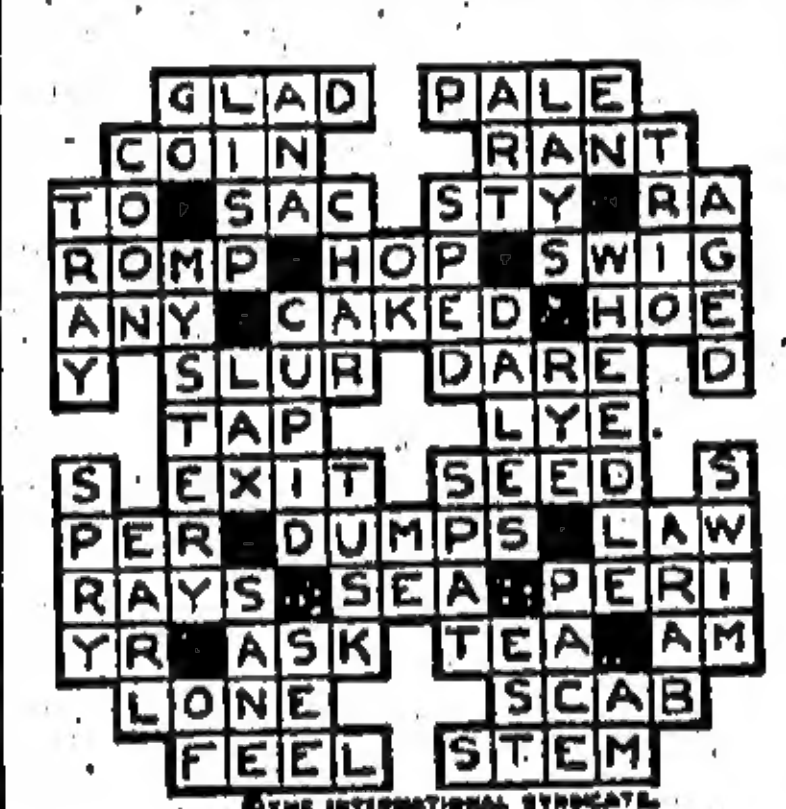
- 1-impetuous rush
- 2-French for "thou"
- 3-A woman's dress-waist
- 5-Interjection
- 6-Having actual existence
- 7-A type measure
- 9-To intertwine confusedly
- 10-Crude metal
- 11-Having physical health
- 12-Spoiled
- 13-Adapted
- 15-To sound
- 18-Snare
- 19-Expression of disapproval

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 21-Comrade
- 22-Pertaining to the last continent
- 24-A word formed by transposing the letters of a different word
- 25-Smoothed with the back
- 27-Tell
- 30-To utter, as words
- 32-A product of coal
- 34-Make a practice of
- 35-Incompetent
- 40-Devotional prayer
- 42-Wall-bred
- 44-To leave suddenly
- 46-To (Scott.)
- 48-To obstruct
- 51-One of the continents
- 52-Steins
- 54-Pile
- 56-A rose (Scott.)
- 58-Personal pronoun
- 59-A physician's title (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



Lord Joicey, in making a plea for rigid economy and thrift, in order to improve Britain's industrial position, says that the coal industry cannot die, and he does not despair of its future. He feared, however, that heavy costs were going to squeeze out a great many pits, and he could see no alternative to their closing down. He had great faith in the British workman, and if he was encouraged to give of his best he did not believe that any man would beat him.

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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

House of Lords Reform.

A manifesto on the subject of House of Lords Reform has been issued by the Duke of Buccleuch and seven other Unionist Peers. They invite all Conservatives who do not wish to hand over Second Chamber Reform to Socialist hands to lose no time in letting their members and the Cabinet know their views.

The United Kingdom imports from Russia injure were valued at £862,604.

General A. C. Dalton, president of the Merchant Fleet Corporation, is about to make a tour of inspection of the Gulf ports.

Three hundred men who have been out of work through bad trade at Markham No. 2 Colliery of the Staveley Company (Derbyshire) have restarted. The double shift is also being re-established.

Mr. John Blair, of Sunderland, whose death has occurred at the age of 92, held an appointment at the Turkish Arsenal at Constantinople for many years, where he helped to teach the Turks to make guns.

The Grimsby trawler Robina reported picking up two mines in her trawl sixty miles off Spurn Head. This is the fourth mine picked up in about the same position in three weeks.

A Berlin message states that in explanation of the placing of orders for two ships by the Hamburg-South America Line with the Kockum shipyard of Malmö, the Norwegian yard is granting a credit amounting to 40 per cent. of the building price beyond the date of delivery.

Mr. James White's Estate.

Mrs. White, the widow of Mr. James White, the financier, who recently committed suicide, made an application in the Probate Court, London, on July 13, for the administration of her husband's estate. The application was refused by Mr. Justice Hill on the ground that he could not grant an order of administration to the widow unless some other names were joined to hers. Leave to appeal was granted.

A settlement was announced at Leeds Assizes of the action for alleged slander brought by Mr. Frank Hall, an official of the Derbyshire Miners' Association, against Mr. Richard Gascoyne, secretary of the miners' new non-political union.

While Ronald Crist aged 8, and Lawrence Crist, aged 9, sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Crist, of West Street, South Stifford, Grays, Essex, were bathing near Grays they fell into deep water and were swept away by the tide.

Charged with stealing a quantity of sample steel from the Orb Works, Newport, Monmouthshire, the property of John Lysaght, Ltd., Edwin Dyke, of Panteg, was ordered to pay 40s. costs at Newport when the case was reheard after the magistrates had previously disagreed.

Suicide while of Unsound Mind was returned at an inquest at Bollinhurst Farm, near Disley, Cheshire, on Dr. Edward Neville Mottram, the young Manchester scientist, who was found drowned in a reservoir.

Indian-Owned Steamer.

From their Kingston shipyard at Post-Glasgow, Lithgow (Ltd.), launched on July 14 the s.s. "Jalabala," 5,900 tons dead-weight capacity, built to the order of the Scindia Steam Navigation Co. (Ltd.), Bombay. The steel work of the vessel is entirely of British material. The launching ceremony, carried out in accordance with Eastern custom, was performed by the Hon. V. J. Patel, President of the Indian Legislative Assembly.

Taxicab fares in Birmingham for one or two passengers are to be reduced to 1s. a mile, but for three or four passengers the present fare of 1s. 3d. a mile will be charged.

The Royal Agricultural Society decided that next year's show at Nottingham should be held from July 10 to July 14, and grant of £10,000 was made for prizes.

The original log book of H.M.S. "Euryalus" from June 1805 to March 1806, containing entries giving details of the Battle of Trafalgar, was sold at Messrs. Christie's to Mr. Maggs for £250.

The motor-car used in the Trowbridge, Wiltshire, raid on a jewellery shop, in which articles worth £500 were stolen, was found abandoned at Amporn, near Andover, Hampshire.



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MECHANICAL ARMY.

Britain's New Forces At Manoeuvres.

MR. CHURCHILL'S INSPECTION.

Whole Brigade In Action On Salisbury Plain.

London, Yesterday.
Mr. Winston Churchill arrived by air at Upavon last evening to witness the army manoeuvres on Salisbury Plain. He took the opportunity to inspect the "Saint Raphael," the aeroplane which is to-day attempting the flight to Canada.
This morning, Mr. Churchill inspected the new mechanical force of the British army which was drawn up in long lines and presented a striking appearance. It included tanks, large and small armoured cars, self-propelled guns, dragon tractors with gun waggon, half track lorries and six-wheelers used for the transport of troops. Immediately after the inspection the troops entered on the concluding stage of their fortnight's strenuous training which gave Mr. Churchill an opportunity to see the whole of the mechanical brigade in action.—British Wireless Service.

"BOOK OF FRANCE."

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FORMAL PRESENTATION.

Paris, Yesterday.
The so-called "Golden Book of France" which is a voluminous synthesis of France in the past and present and which is destined for the British Museum was formally presented to Sir A. Chamberlain, en route to Geneva at a ceremonious function attended by eminent Frenchmen, who paid glowing tributes to the Entente Cordiale.
Sir A. Chamberlain responded declaring affection for France and his conviction of the necessity of a Franco-British union for world peace.—Reuter.

Later.
Sir Austen Chamberlain has left for Geneva for the meeting of the League of Nations council.—Reuter.

SZECHUAN CRIME.

GERMAN EXPLORER KILLED BY TIBETANS.

TWO OTHER FOREIGNERS.

London, Yesterday.
A sensation has been caused in Germany by the report that the well-known German explorer, Filchner, and two other foreigners have been murdered in Szechuan by Tibetan tribesmen.
The China Inland Mission, while it has not received confirmation of the report, is of opinion that it may refer to the party which included the missionary Mathewson, who wrote to the headquarters of the Mission in April saying that he and two or three other persons proposed to go to India from China via Tibet.—Reuter.

AFTER SEVEN YEARS.

WHAT SACCO-VANZETTI DEFENCE COST.

New York, Yesterday.
Mr. Felcani, treasurer of the Boston Defence Committee, states that the seven years' struggle to save Sacco and Vanzetti cost over \$850,000, of which the communities of the United States had contributed over \$6,000, while the \$1,000 reported to have been sent by the Third International from Moscow had not been received.
Attackers of Americans.
Nogales, Arizona, Yesterday.
A telegram from Guadalajara states that in connection with the execution of Sacco and Vanzetti, the Mexico Government have ordered the immediate execution of anyone attacking Americans.—Reuter's American Service.

U.S. AND FRANCE.

Material Financial Help Suggested.

BIG LOAN FLOTATION.

To Convert Or Retire Huge Bond Holdings.

New York, Yesterday.
It is anticipated in authoritative circles in Washington that when Mr. Mellon returns from Europe the question will be raised of floating a loan in the United States for the purpose of retiring or converting the \$70,000,000 French eight per cent. bonds held in the United States. It is believed that the American policy of opposition to French loans until a War Debt Agreement has been reached will be relaxed in order to allow France to effect a great saving interest.
The refunding proposal has enlivened the bond market. The French Government 1½ scrip reaching 115½, the highest at which they have ever sold.—Reuter's American Service.

SHARE DEALINGS.

WERE SHARES ACTUALLY PRODUCED?

COUNSEL'S ALLEGATIONS.

The \$33,818.93 shares case at the Supreme Court was continued this morning when Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C. (for Mr. M. A. Razack, plaintiff) cross-examined Mr. P. N. Cooper (defendant).
Cross-examination particularly centred round the 1,500 Tramway shares (old) and the contracts entered into by defendant in respect of them.

Counsel put it to witness that it was because he knew the June settlement day was postponed that he wrote repudiating instructions which he had given to plaintiff the previous Saturday.
This witness denied and said at the time he wrote the letter he was unaware that the settlement had been postponed. It was not until witness went out in an endeavour to fulfil his contract that he heard of the postponement of the settlement.

Witness denied that on Monday the 22nd he went to Mr. Razack's office and told Mr. R. A. Razack that because the settlement was postponed he would not take the shares. The evidence of Mr. Ho on this point was incorrect.

Witness was further examined as to the rate which he asked a broker to get the shares for him.

In reply to further questions witness admitted that he had not the shares on the previous Saturday although at that time the settlement day was fixed for the following Tuesday. In fact, he had not had the actual shares at all.

"A Lie."
Witness was then closely questioned by counsel as to statements made in his solicitor's letters that he (defendant) had actually produced and offered the shares to the plaintiff and that the plaintiff had refused to take them up.

"That statement is a lie," stated counsel.

"What do you mean by a lie," asked witness.

Counsel: Something entirely and knowingly untrue.

Witness explained that it might be due to a misunderstanding as to the meaning of the word "produce." The shares might be lying in the bank, as they were in this case, and plaintiff still be in a position to "produce" them—metaphorically speaking.

Witness later admitted that his solicitors might have made a mistake.

Counsel then drew witness's attention to further statements along the same lines made in witness's own affidavit and in his statement of defence, the expression used in each case being that he actually produced the shares and plaintiff refused to take them.

Witness explained that it was not necessary to have the shares there for them to be tendered. It was a process well known on the stock exchange and was known as "accommodating."

BRITAIN'S FISH.

Foreign Trawler Competition.

ANALYSIS OF SUPPLIES.

Where Outside Consignments Come From?

London, Yesterday.
The competition of foreign trawlers with British fishermen is the subject of a report by the Economic Committee on fish. The report gives an analysis of British fish supplies which shows that their total value in 1925 was \$30,000,000 sterling. Of this sum \$19,250,000 represented British captures and \$3,000,000 worth came from the Empire, leaving \$7,750,000 as the value of foreign supplies. The latter came chiefly from Germany, Denmark, Sweden and Iceland.—British Naval Wireless.

DOSING AGAIN.

THREE OIL LIGHTERS DETAINED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

August 31.
Steamers on the Hong Kong-Wuchow run note that three large oil-lighters belonging to the Standard Oil Co., along with two tugs, have been detained at Dosing by the authorities there since the 27th instant. They were conveyed up-river by the U. S. S. "Pampanga." The "Pampanga" left Wuchow downward bound on the 29th at 3 p.m., but the lighters and tugs were still in Dosing on the 30th instant.

No vessels under the British flag have stopped at Dosing bound up or down since the "Taiming" incident.

IN THE NEWS.

ITEMS FROM TO-DAY'S POLICE REPORT.

An unemployed seaman named John Macdonald was this morning produced before Mr. R. E. Lindell charged that he was found in the Colony without employment or visible means of support. He was sent to the House of Detention pending Government arrangements for his repatriation.

Mr. Inman Wong has reported to the police that about 6.20 p.m., yesterday, he was driving motor car to his home in Kowloon Tong, when a Chinese suddenly ran across the front of the car in Canton Road. The man was knocked down, but did not suffer serious injuries, and refused to go to the hospital.

Money and jewellery worth \$186 were stolen from the first floor of No. 138 Laichikok Road last night.

A workman employed at the Kowloon Dock was yesterday removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital suffering from a crashed hand as the result of it being caught in the cog wheels of a milling machinery at the dock-yard.

No. 44 Hoklochung, Kowloon City, a one-storey house, collapsed at 5.10 this morning. A Chinese woman was buried underneath the debris, but was later dug up alive and removed to the Kowloon Hospital. She was injured about the head and body.

FORDS IN CANTON.

Mr. Andrew Harper, the Ford dealer, has just closed a deal with The Sincere Co. for a plot of ground in Canton for the purposes of erecting a building to house Ford cars. The building will be planned not only for show purposes but for service.

known as "accommodating."

Counsel: What it comes to is that "black is white and white is green, but it isn't."

Witness said that it was perfectly true that had plaintiff been willing to fulfil the contract it would have gone through easily. The case is proceeding.

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